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Thousands put on waitlist for vaccine

Health officials say appointments will come with rapid notice 'a few days out'

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Berrien County health officials repeated Thursday that they are working as fast as possible to get COVID-19

vaccine into arms, though the process is still ramping up.

Nicki Britten, health officer for the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD), said during a Facebook Live event Thursday that the BCHD has about 14,000 people already on its waitlist for those age 65 years and older who want the vaccine.

"We have a good idea of what we're doing for the next six weeks of clinics, and we're ramping up our capacity, but

you might not be aware of clinics until a few days ahead of time because we want to make sure that by the time we get to an appointment, and by the time you have an appointment scheduled, we're sure you have a vaccine," Britten said.

Demand is still far outpacing supply of the vaccine, and Dr. Loren Hamel, president of Spectrum Health Lakeland, said the health system and the BCHD are hopeful they'll get

a couple of thousands of doses of vaccine delivered next week.

Britten said they still estimate about 40,000 Berrien County residents are in the next phase of eligibility to get the vaccine.

As of Tuesday, 3,647 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine had been administered in Berrien County, according to state data. Of that total, about 326

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Bronson to start vaccinations in SH

People 65 and older encouraged to schedule appointment
By HP STAFF

SOUTH HAVEN — Bronson Healthcare plans to open its first COVID-19 vaccination clinics by appointment only for people 65 and older. Vaccinations begin Saturday at Bronson sites, including the one in South Haven. A red alert box on bronsonhealth.com will indicate when appointments are available and when they are filled.

All appointments are being scheduled through Bronson

MyChart. A scheduling process is currently being developed for those who may require special assistance or have difficulty with MyChart.

As the demand is high and supply is limited, the appointments are expected to fill up quickly. Additional appointment days and times will be opened as more doses are received from Pfizer and Moderna.

Vaccines will be administered by appointment only the Bronson Wellness Center, 950 S. Bailey Ave., South Haven

Walk-ins will not be accepted due to vaccine supply limitations.

Colbert, 'The Late Show' poke fun at Upton

Congressman gets the 'Spartacus' treatment

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
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ST. JOSEPH — U.S. Rep. Fred Upton's stance regarding impeachment of the president was highlighted in a comedic bit Wednesday night on "The Late Show" with Stephen Colbert.

The St. Joseph congressman was among 10 Republicans in the House to vote in favor of Trump's impeachment, which now moves ahead to the U.S. Senate for trial.

In Colbert's opening monologue, the comedian and talk show host read out

loud some of the responses by the Republicans who broke ranks with their party to remove the president from office.

When Colbert got to Upton in the segment, he read a portion of the congressman's statement that was put out earlier this week:

"I would have preferred a bipartisan, formal censure rather than a drawn-out impeachment process," Upton's statement read. "I fear this will now interfere with important legislative business and a new Biden Administration. But it is time to say: Enough is enough."

To which Colbert replied: "Forcefully said. It reminds me of a stirring scene from 'Spartacus.'"

The show then cut to the famous scene from the 1960 film, "Spartacus,"

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FIRESIDE CHAT



Don Campbell / HP staff

From left, friends Marcia Cyr, Cindy Miller, Cathy Hufford and Mary Gignac, all of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, gather for one of their regular social meetings as they enjoy the outdoor fire feature at the Krasl Art Center in St. Joseph on Thursday afternoon.

Biden unveils \$1.9T plan to stem virus and steady economy

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR and BILL BARROW
Associated Press

WILMINGTON, Del. — President-elect Joe Biden unveiled a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus plan Thursday to turn the tide on the pandemic, speeding up the vaccine rollout and providing financial help to individuals, states and local governments and businesses struggling with the prolonged economic fallout.

Called the "American Rescue Plan," the legislative proposal would meet Biden's goal of administering 100 million vaccines by the 100th day of his administration, while advancing his objective of reopening most schools by the spring. On a parallel track, it would deliver another round of aid to stabilize the economy while the public health effort seeks the upper hand on the pandemic, aides said.

It includes \$1,400 checks



Matt Slocum

President-elect Joe Biden speaks about the COVID-19 pandemic during an event at The Queen theater in Wilmington, Del., on Thursday as Vice President-elect Kamala Harris listens.

for most Americans, which on top of \$600 provided in the most recent COVID-19 bill would bring the total to the \$2,000 that Biden has called for. The plan would also extend a temporary boost in unemployment benefits and a moratorium on evictions and foreclosures through September.

And it shoehorns in long-term Democratic policy aims such as increasing the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, expanding paid leave for workers, and increasing tax credits for families with children. The last item would make it easier for women to go back to

work, which in turn would help the economy recover.

The political outlook for the legislation remained unclear. In a joint statement, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer praised Biden for including liberal priorities, saying they would move quickly to pass it. But Democrats have narrow margins in both chambers of Congress and Republicans will push back on issues that range from increasing the minimum wage to providing more money for states, while demanding inclusion of their priorities, such as liability protection for businesses.

"Remember that a bipartisan \$900 billion #COVID19 relief bill became law just 18 days ago," tweeted Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

The emergency legislation would be paid for with

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BERRIEN COUNTY

County weighs in and outs of opposing governor

Commissioners favor local decision-making on virus restrictions

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Some Berrien County commissioners aren't happy that on Wednesday, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer extended the ban on indoor dining through at least Feb. 1.

They are working on a resolution next week asking Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to consider returning to a regional approach when it comes to COVID restrictions.

Commissioner Julie Wuerful of St. Joseph, who brought up the topic during Thursday's board meeting, said a regional approach was used successfully last summer.

Baraga County elected officials sent a letter to the governor earlier this week, saying they won't enforce the state's COVID-19 orders.

Commissioner Ezra Scott of New Buffalo said he doesn't like how Baraga County officials worded their letter, but he does support something being done. Scott would prefer that the resolution state the county was leaving the enforcement of the COVID-19 orders to be done by MDHHS and the Michigan State Police.

"These are our neighbors, these are our friends who are suffering," he said.

Commissioner Dave Voltrath of Coloma said he

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Trump impeachment trial to focus on his attacks on election

By **LISA MASCARO**
and **MARY CLARE JALONICK**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump’s historic second impeachment could go to trial as soon as Inauguration Day, with U.S. senators serving not only as jurors but as shaken personal witnesses and victims of the deadly siege of the Capitol by a mob of his supporters.

Trump is the only president to be twice impeached, and the first to be prosecuted as he leaves the White House, an ever-more-extraordinary end to the defeated president’s tenure.

In pursuing conviction, House impeachment managers said Thursday they will be making the case that Trump’s incendiary rhetoric hours before the bloody attack on the Capitol was not isolated, but rather part of an escalating campaign to overturn the November election results. It culminated, they will argue, in the Republican president’s rally cry to “fight like hell” as Congress was tallying the Electoral College votes to confirm he’d lost to Democrat Joe Biden.

The trial could begin shortly after Biden takes the oath of office next Wednesday, but some Democrats are pushing for a later trial to give him time to set up his administration and work on other priorities. No date has been set. Already National Guard troops flood the city and protect the Capitol amid warnings of more violence ahead of the inaugural. It’s a far different picture, due to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the threats of violence, from the traditional pomp and peaceful transfer of power.

Whenever it starts, the impeachment trial will force a further reckoning for the Republican Party and the senators who largely stood by Trump throughout his presidency and allowed him to spread false attacks against the 2020 election. Last week’s assault angered lawmakers, stunned the nation and flashed unsettling imagery around the globe, the most serious breach of the Capitol since the War of 1812, and the worst by home-grown intruders.

“The only path to any reunification of this broken and divided country is by shining a light on the truth,” said Rep. Madeleine Dean, D-Pa., who will serve as an impeachment manager.

“That’s what the trial in the Senate will be about,” she told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Trump was impeached Wednesday by the House on a single charge, incitement of insurrection, in lightning-quick proceedings just a week after the siege. Ten Republicans joined all Democrats in the 232-197 vote to impeach.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell is open to considering impeachment, having told associates he is done with Trump, but he has not signaled how he would vote. McConnell continues to hold great sway in his party, even though convening the trial next week could be among his last acts as majority leader as Democrats prepare to take control of the Senate.

No president has ever been convicted in the Senate, and it would take a two-thirds vote against Trump, an extremely high hurdle. Two new senators

from Georgia, both Democrats, are to be sworn in, leaving the chamber divided 50-50. That will tip the majority to the Democrats once Kamala Harris takes office. The vice president is the tie breaker.

But conviction of Trump is not out of the realm of possibility, especially as corporations and wealthy political donors distance themselves from his brand of politics and the Republicans who stood by his attempt to overturn the election.

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, said Thursday, “Such unlawful actions cannot go without consequence.” She said in a statement that the House responded “appropriately” with impeachment and she will consider the trial arguments.

At least four Republican senators have publicly expressed concerns about Trump’s actions, but others have signaled their preference to move on. Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., issued a statement saying he opposes impeachment against a president who has left office. Trump ally Lindsey Graham of South Carolina is building support for an alternative of launching a commission to investigate the siege.

Ahead of opening arguments, Democratic Rep. Eric Swalwell of California, another impeachment manager, suggested senators will be asked to focus on their own experiences the day of the attack.

“You don’t have to tell anyone who was in the building twice what it was like to be terrorized,” Swalwell said.

The riot delayed the tally of Electoral College votes that was the last step in finalizing

Biden’s victory as lawmakers fled for shelter and police, guns drawn, barricaded the doors to the House chamber.

A Capitol Police officer died from injuries suffered in the attack, and police shot and killed a woman. Three other people died in what authorities said were medical emergencies.

Under Senate procedure, the trial is to start soon after the House delivers the article of impeachment. The soonest the calendar has senators back in session is Tuesday.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has not said when she will take the crucial next step to transmit the impeachment article to the Senate. After Trump’s first impeachment, in 2019, she withheld the articles for some time to set the stage for the Senate action.

Biden has said the Senate should be able this time to split its work, starting the trial and working on his priorities, including swift confirmation of his Cabinet nominees.

On Inauguration Day, the Senate typically confirms some of the new president’s Cabinet, particularly national security officials. Biden’s choice of Avril Haines as director of national intelligence will have a hearing Friday by the Senate Intelligence Committee.

“We are working with Republicans to try to find a path forward,” said Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer’s office.

Biden ally Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., said the tension among Democrats is over moving ahead quickly on impeachment or focusing on the president-elect’s other priorities. “We are balancing,” he said on CNN.

Biden picks Whitmer for DNC vice chair

By **EMILY LAWLER**
mlive.com (TNS)

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer is nominated as a vice chair of the Democratic National Committee, according to a press release from President-elect Joe Biden’s transition team.

The team announced a number of nominations for incoming DNC officers, led by Chair Jaime Harrison, formerly the leader of the South Carolina Democratic Party and a current DNC officer.

Whitmer, U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth of Illinois and U.S. Rep. Filemon Vela Jr. of Texas are nominated to serve as vice chairs, while Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms is nominated to serve as vice chair of civic engagement and voter protection. Jason Rae is nominated as secretary, Virginia McGregor as treasurer and Chris Korge as national finance chair.

Previous vice chairs have maintained other full-time positions and focused on particular areas of strategy for the DNC.

“This group of individuals represent the very best of the Democratic Party,” said President-elect Joe Biden in a press release.

“Their stories and long histories of activism and work reflects our party’s values and the diversity that make us so strong. As our country faces multiple crises from systemic racism to the COVID-19 pandemic, working families in America need and deserve real leadership. We need to elect Democrats across our country and up and down the ballot. To do that is going to take tireless leadership, committed to strengthening Democratic infrastructure across our states. These leaders are battle-tested and ready for this immense task. I know they will get the job done.”

The DNC will vote for its officers on Jan. 21. The term runs from 2021-2025.

Whitmer has risen in national popularity over the past year, speaking at the Democratic National Convention over the summer and delivering the Democratic response to President Donald Trump’s 2020 State of the Union address.

She has picked up national roles along the way, serving as co-chair for Biden’s presidential campaign and later being named to the Presidential Inaugural Committee.

LOTTERIES

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— The Associated Press

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borrowed money, adding to trillions in debt the government has already incurred to confront the pandemic. Aides said Biden will make the case that the additional spending and borrowing is necessary to prevent the economy from sliding into an even deeper hole. Interest rates are low, making debt more manageable.

Biden has long held that economic recovery is inextricably linked with controlling the coronavirus. “Our work begins with getting COVID under control,” he declared in his victory speech. “We cannot repair the economy, restore our vitality or relish life’s most precious moments until we get it under control.”

The plan comes as a divided nation is in the grip of the pandemic’s most dangerous wave yet. So far, more than 385,000 people have died of COVID-19 in the U.S. And government numbers out Thursday reported a jump in weekly unemployment claims, to 965,000, a sign that rising infections are forcing businesses to cut back and lay off workers.

Under Biden’s multipronged strategy, about \$400 billion

would go directly to combating the pandemic, while the rest is focused on economic relief and aid to states and localities.

About \$20 billion would be allocated for a more disciplined focus on vaccination, on top of some \$8 billion already approved by Congress. Biden has called for setting up mass vaccination centers and sending mobile units to hard-to-reach areas.

The plan provides \$50 billion to expand testing, which is seen as key to reopening most schools by the end of the new administration’s first 100 days. About \$130 billion would be allocated to help schools reopen without risking further contagion.

The plan would fund the hiring of 100,000 public health workers, to focus on encouraging people to get vaccinated and on tracing the contacts of those infected with the coronavirus.

There’s also a proposal to boost investment in genetic sequencing, to help track new virus strains including the more contagious variants identified in the United Kingdom and South Africa.

Throughout the plan, there’s a focus on ensuring that minority communities that have borne the brunt of the pandemic are not shortchanged

on vaccines and treatments, aides said.

With the new proposals comes a call to redouble efforts on the basics.

Biden is asking Americans to override their sense of pandemic fatigue and recommit to wearing masks, practicing social distancing and avoiding indoor gatherings, particularly larger ones. It’s still the surest way to slow the COVID-19 wave, with more than 4,400 deaths reported just on Tuesday.

Biden’s biggest challenge will be to “win the hearts and minds of the American people to follow his lead,” said Dr. Leana Wen, a public health expert and emergency physician.

With the backing of Congress and the expertise of private and government scientists, the Trump administration has delivered two highly effective vaccines and more are on the way. Yet a month after the first shots were given, the nation’s vaccination campaign is off to a slow start with about 10.3 million people getting the first of two shots, although more than 29 million doses have been delivered.

Biden believes the key to speeding that up lies not only in delivering more vaccine but also in working closely with states and local

communities to get shots into the arms of more people. The Trump administration provided the vaccine to states and set guidelines for who should get priority for shots, but largely left it up to state and local officials to organize their vaccination campaigns.

“This is going to entail coordination at all levels, as well as resources,” said Dr. Nadine Gracia, executive vice president of the nonpartisan Trust for America’s Health. “There is a commitment the (incoming) administration has articulated to address the needs of communities.”

Biden has set a goal of administering 100 million shots in his first 100 days. The pace of vaccination is approaching 1 million shots a day, but 1.8 million a day would be needed to reach widespread or “herd” immunity by the summer, according to a recent estimate by the American Hospital Association. Wen says the pace should be even higher – closer to 3 million a day.

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BERRIEN COUNTY

High-speed internet access survey planned

County wants better idea where service is lacking

By **LOUISE WREGG**
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ST. JOSEPH — Thousands of Berrien County residents learned last March that having high speed internet is a necessity, not a luxury, when they were forced to start working or learning from their homes due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many school districts scrambled to get hot spots to their students with no access, so they could continue learning online after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued a stay at home order in an effort to slow the spread of the virus. Complaints about the lack of high speed internet availability were no surprise to Berrien County commissioners. They had already set up the Berrien County Broadband Internet Task Force, comprised of three commissioners and staff from the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission. On Thursday, the task force

introduced a timeline on a survey to find out just how bad the problem is. “It’s not just a rural issue. It’s throughout the entire county,” said Commissioner Teri Freehling of Baroda, a member of the task force who has previously said she is unable to get high speed internet on her farm even though it’s available on the other side of her street. But she said trying to get grant funding to fix the problem is hampered because the Federal Communications Commission claims that 95 percent of people in the

county have access to high speed internet, which the agency defines as download speeds of at least 25 megabits per second and upload speeds of at least three Mbps. She said the survey will better reflect the reality. In February, residents will be asked to fill out a survey with Merit Network, a non-profit based in Ann Arbor, about the internet speeds they have available at their homes and businesses. Charlotte Bewersdorff, Merit vice president for community engagement, told commissioners Thursday that

this will be part of organization’s Michigan Moonshot Initiative, which seeks to close the digital divide. Merit is governed by 12 public universities in the state. “We maintain and operate over 4,000 miles of middle mile infrastructure,” she said, adding that there are over 800 connections to the network. Bewersdorff said she is reaching out to community partners in Berrien County to help get the word out about the upcoming survey. An informational webinar is scheduled for Jan 25 for organizations that want to

be involved in the outreach. For more information, send an email to meritsurvey@berriencounty.org. Postcards will be sent on Feb. 8 to areas where there is little to no high speed internet access, followed by the launch of the larger marketing campaign on Feb. 15. Data is expected to be collected through March 26. After a month of analysis, Bewersdorff said the results are expected to be presented to the community in May and June. *Contact: lwregg@TheHP.com, 932-0361, Twitter: @HPWregg*

SKY WALKER



Don Campbell / HP staff

A man walks along the tree top walkway at Sarett Nature Center recently in Benton Harbor. While the nature center’s building is closed due to the pandemic, the numerous trails remain open to the public.

Flint water probe brings charges against ex-governor, others

By **DAVID EGGERT, ED WHITE and COREY WILLIAMS**
Associated Press

FLINT — A new investigation of the Flint water disaster led to charges against nine people, including former Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder and key members of his administration, who are accused of various crimes in a calamitous plan that contaminated the community with lead and contributed to a fatal outbreak of Legionnaires’ disease, authorities said Thursday. Nearly seven years after the doomed decision to use the Flint River, pipes at more than 9,700 Flint homes have been replaced and water quality has greatly improved. But prosecutors said it’s not too late to pursue people responsible for one of the worst human-made environmental disasters in U.S. history. It’s the second time that six of the nine people have faced charges; their previous cases were dropped in 2019 when a new prosecution team took over. Snyder is the biggest new name in the bunch, though his alleged crimes are not as serious as others: two misdemeanor counts of willful neglect of duty. Snyder’s former health director, Nick Lyon, and ex-chief medical executive, Dr. Eden Wells, were charged

with involuntary manslaughter in the 2015 deaths of nine people with Legionnaires’. Authorities said they failed to alert the public about a regional spike in Legionnaires’ when the water system might have lacked enough chlorine to combat bacteria in the river water. “The Flint water crisis is not some relic of the past,” Fadwa Hammoud of the state attorney general’s office told reporters. “At this very moment, the people of Flint continue to suffer from the categorical failure of public officials at all levels of government who trampled upon their trust and evaded accountability for far too long.” The charges stemmed from evidence presented to Judge David Newblatt, who served as a secret one-person grand jury. All nine defendants pleaded not guilty during a series of brief court appearances. The indictment alleges that Snyder failed to check the “performance, condition and administration” of his appointees and protect Flint’s nearly 100,000 residents when he knew the threat. The Republican served as governor from 2011 through 2018. Wearing a mask, Snyder, 62, said little during his hearing, which was conducted by video. He replied, “Yes, your honor,” when asked if he was living in Michigan. A conviction carries up to a year in jail.

BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Sentences

St. Joseph

Home invasion

Robert J. Cassidy, 31, of Allen Drive, Benton Harbor, 270 days in jail, credit for 1 day served, \$198 in costs and \$475 in restitution for third-degree home invasion Sept. 6, 2020, in Benton Township.

Breaking/entering

Eusean Carraoul-Lahtif Jennings, 38, of Lake Street, Benton Harbor, 2 concurrent terms of 12 days in jail, credit for 12 days served, \$1,255 in fines and costs and 1 year probation for breaking and entering, illegal entry of a house without owners permission; and attempted assaulting/resisting and obstructing police June 13, 2020, in Benton Harbor.

Assault

Ashley N. Rouse, 27, of River Terrace, Benton Harbor, 2 concurrent terms of 180 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, and \$266 in costs for attempted assault with a dangerous weapon, a knife; and attempted assaulting/resisting and obstructing Benton Township Police Officer Max Alverson Nov. 2, 2020, in Benton Township. Darrell W. Blake, 54, of Puyallup, Wash., 1-2 years in prison and \$198 in costs for assaulting/resisting and obstructing Benton Township Police Officer David Ziomkowski Nov. 21, 2020, in Benton Township. Jeffery M. Skoda, 31, of Meadow Lane, Berrien Springs, 180 days in jail, credit for 55 days served, \$958 in fines and costs, 3 years probation and

completion of a substance abuse/mental health evaluation for assault with a dangerous weapon, a knife, Nov. 22, 2020, in Benton Township.

Firearms violation

Lemuel P. Hardin, 68, of East High Street, Benton Harbor, 16 months to 5 years in prison, credit for 69 days served, and \$198 in costs for possession of a firearm by a felon Feb. 26, 2020, in Benton Harbor. Octavious J. Clark, 21, of Berg Street, Benton Harbor, 2 days in jail, credit for 1 day served, \$1,338 in fines and costs, 6 months probation and forfeiture of a pistol for possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle May 14, 2020, in Benton Harbor. John S. Robinson Jr., 24, of West Empire Avenue, Benton Harbor, 1 day in jail, credit for 1 day served, \$1,658 in fines and costs and forfeiture of a pistol for attempted carrying a concealed firearm in an automobile Aug. 27, 2020, in Benton Harbor.

Drugs

Timothy W. Krueger, 37, of Paw Paw Lake Road, Coloma, 150 days in jail, credit for 116 days served, \$2,418 in fines and costs and 2 years probation for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, Aug. 21, 2020, in Coloma. Ervin C. Allen Jr., 26, of River Terrace, Benton Harbor, 5 days in jail, credit for 5 days served, \$1,598 in fines and costs and 18 months probation for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, Oct. 30, 2020, in Benton Harbor.

Trespassing

Jeffery A. Cummings Sr., 50, of Hampton Road, Benton Harbor, 2 concurrent terms of 60 days in jail, credit for 60 days served, \$198 in costs and \$254 in restitution for attempted trespassing upon a keyed facility and use of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, Dec. 30, 2019, in Benton Township.

Tampering with tether

Demetrius C. White, 28, of Ogden Avenue, Benton Harbor, 90 days in jail and \$198 in costs for tampering with an electronic device, removing a jail tether, Aug. 26, 2019, in St. Joseph. Darrell Q. Perry, 26, of Quince Street, Benton Harbor, 90 days in jail and \$198 in costs for tampering with an electronic device, removing a jail tether, Oct. 13, 2020, in Benton Harbor.

Other

Pedro Ledesma IV, 33, of West Bernard, Hartford, 180 days in jail and \$198 in costs for illegal sale/use of a financial transaction device Aug. 30, 2020, in Watervliet Township. Donnie R. Hampton, 38, of West Thar Road, Coloma, 2 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, and \$958 in fines and costs for tampering with evidence Oct. 15, 2020, in Hagar Township.

Niles

Fraud

Melvin D. Thomas, 52, of South Bend, Ind., 150 days in jail, credit for 58 days served, \$258 in costs, \$1,369 in restitution and 2 years probation for first-degree retail fraud July 7, 2020, at Lowe’s in Niles Township.

I&M donates \$8,000 to agency to fight hunger

By **HP STAFF**

BENTON HARBOR — The Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency (SMCAA) has announced receiving a donation of more than \$8,000 from Indiana Michigan Power.

The money will help the SMCAA address hunger issues in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties, according to a news release. Last year, the organization served more than 22,000 families and this donation will help further extend our helping hand in the Southwest Michigan community.

“As our agency pushes forward during this trying and unprecedented time, we are both humbled and honored for I&M’s continued support of Community Action. Their donation has been critical to the work we continue to do for the residents of Southwest Michigan,” said Kim Smith Oldham, the agency’s executive director, in the release. “As more and more individuals face challenges due to this pandemic, SMCAA is able to battle at the frontline in large part to their assistance and we want to express our great gratitude.”

The donation, with approval from the Michigan Public Service Commission, is related to changes in cost associated with the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. The TCJA took effect in December 2017 and resulted in the lowering of customer bills to reflect the impact of lower federal corporate income tax rates. After I&M customer bills reflected the impact of lower corporate income tax rates, I&M donated remaining funds to the SMCAA.

“The Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency facilitates change, provides hope and makes our communities a better place to live. All those goals align with our vision at I&M,” said Gina Kostoff, energy efficiency residential liaison manager. “I&M is dedicated to improving the lives of our communities and customers, and this donation ensures our neighbors have food for their families.”

The donation will go into The SMCAA’s Food Giveaway’s program which addresses the need of food during this crisis.

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The Mendel Center will present National Geographic Live's "Life on Other Worlds" with Kevin Peter Hand and Kobie Boykins on Tuesday.

THE GUIDE

Editor's Note: In these uncertain times, events can change quickly. Be sure to check with venues for the latest updates and possible cancellations.

TODAY

80/90: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com
Rob Yocom: 7-10 p.m., Jay's Lounge Sports Bar & Grill, 3025 S. 11th St., Niles; 684-8353 or jayslounge.food96.com

SATURDAY

Darryl Buchanan: 3 p.m., **Sk8er Boys:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

SUNDAY

Richard Chubbs: 5 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or fourwindscasino.com

MONDAY

Music Bingo: 7-9 p.m., Babe's Lounge and Restaurant, 565 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor; free; 925-3787

TUESDAY

Author talk with "The Snow Killings" author Marney Rich Keenan: 6 p.m., online via Zoom (bit.ly/2LAYfLr); free; 465-3663 or bridgmanlibrary.com
The Mendel Center presents National Geographic Live's "Life on Other Worlds" with Kevin Peter Hand and Kobie Boykins: 7 p.m., online; \$15-\$25; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com
Tiki Tuesday with the Trivia Guy: 7-9 p.m., Chill Hill Winery, 8986 First St., Baroda; free; 326-7173 or chillhill.net

THURSDAY

Krasl Art Center presents Live at Lunchtime: Honoring Martin Luther King Jr.: noon, via Krasl's Facebook page; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org, www.facebook.com/Kraslartcenter.fb
Krasl Art Center presents Third Thursday: Inspired By ... Artist Christina Root Vazquez: 7 p.m., online, registration required; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org
Meet the Greats Fernwood Lecture Series presents "The Farnsworth House Reconsidered" with Scott Mehaffey: 7-8 p.m., via Zoom; \$25, \$20 members; 695-6491 or www.fernwoodbotanical.org
Trivia Night: 7-9 p.m., Sister Lakes Brewing Co., 92500 County Road 690, Dowagiac; 332-5135 or sisterlakesbrewing.com

JAN. 22

AD3 Acoustic Trio: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

JAN. 23

Gemini: 3 p.m., **Checkmark Sallie:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

JAN. 24

Sunday Afternoons at the Courthouse Talks: American Faith: 2:30 p.m., via Zoom (bit.ly/3nl16oD); free; 471-1202 or www.berrienhistory.org
Lexi Adams and Jonny Love: 3 p.m., Wegners Lakeside Bar & Grill, 2628 Lake Shore Drive, Niles; free; 683-1558 or wegners-lakeside-bar-grill.business.site
Jason Murphy: 5 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

JAN. 25

Music Bingo: 7-9 p.m., Babe's Lounge and Restaurant, 565 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor; free; 925-3787

JAN. 28

Krasl Art Center presents Live at Lunchtime: Installing the Members' Show: noon, via Krasl's Facebook page; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org, www.facebook.com/Kraslartcenter.fb
Trivia Night: 7-9 p.m., Sister Lakes Brewing Co., 92500 CR 690, Dowagiac; 332-5135 or sisterlakesbrewing.com

JAN. 29

Decker Ridout Duo: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or fourwindscasino.com

JAN. 30

"2020 Members' Show: Inspired By ..." opening weekend: 9-11 a.m. (special hours for exhibiting artists and guests), 11 am.-5 p.m. (open to the public, with capacity limits); Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org
Twin City Players hosts a virtual trivia night: 7 p.m., online; \$10 per screen, limited space; 429-0400 or www.twincityplayers.org
Love & Rock Unplugged: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

JAN. 31

Eli Kahn: 5 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Kankakee Grille, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com
"2020 Members' Show: Inspired By ..." opening weekend: see Jan. 30

FEB. 1

Music Bingo: 7-9 p.m., Babe's Lounge and Restaurant, 565 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor; free; 925-3787

FEB. 2

"The Real Mae West" with Martina Mathisen: 6 p.m., online via Zoom (bit.ly/3oFka2); free; 465-3663 or bridgmanlibrary.com

FEB. 4

Coffee with the Curator (virtual tour of "2020 Mem-

bers' Show" exhibit): noon, via Krasl Art Center's Facebook page; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org, www.facebook.com/Kraslartcenter.fb

Thursday Night Films presents "The Captain": 6:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Meet the Greats Fernwood Lecture Series presents "Windcliff: A Story of People, Plants and Gardens" with Daniel J. Hinkley: 7-8 p.m., via Zoom; \$40, \$32 members; 695-6491 or www.fernwoodbotanical.org

Trivia Night: 7-9 p.m., Sister Lakes Brewing Co., 92500 CR 690, Dowagiac; 332-5135 or sisterlakesbrewing.com

FEB. 5

Magical Ice Fest: 5-8 p.m., downtown St. Joseph; free; 985-1111 or stjoetoday.com
That's What She Said: 7 p.m., Jay's Lounge Sports Bar & Grill, 3025 S. 11th St., Niles; 684-8353 or jayslounge.food96.com

LYNN and the Moonshine Runners: 7-10 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

Checkmark Sallie: 8 p.m., Wegners Lakeside Bar & Grill, 2628 Lake Shore Drive, Niles; free; 683-1558 or wegners-lakeside-bar-grill.business.site

FEB. 6

Magical Ice Fest: 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. see Feb. 5

FEB. 7

Andrews University Sunday Music Series presents Jason Gresi and Lara Turner: 4 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu
Dave Van Dyke: 5 p.m., Dooley's Lake House Pub, 310 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo; free; 469-2247 or dooleyslakehouse.com

FEB. 8

Music Bingo: 7-9 p.m., Babe's Lounge and Restaurant, 565 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor; free; 925-3787

FEB. 9

The Mendel Center presents National Geographic Live's "Scientific Exposure" with Prasenjeet Yadav and Anand Varma: 7 p.m., online; \$15-\$25; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

FEB. 11

Thursday Night Films presents "Gemma Boveri": 6:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Trivia Night: 7-9 p.m., Sister Lakes Brewing Co., 92500 CR 690, Dowagiac; 332-5135 or sisterlakesbrewing.com

FEB. 13

The Mendel Center presents "Winter Delights: Bringing Valentines Home" with music by Alex & Erin: 6 p.m., online via Zoom; \$25; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

Andrews University Young Artist Concert: 8 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160

E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

ART EXHIBITS

"You Won't Part With Yours Either: Robert Perine and the Fender Guitar, 1957-1969": through Wednesday; ARS Gallery/Arts & Culture Center, 147 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; free; 277-5090 or arsartsandculture.org

"Just People" by Thomas Fehlner: through Jan. 23; Eleanor and Mowitt Drew Gallery at Niles District Library, 620 E. Main St., Niles; free; 683-8545 or www.nileslibrary.com

"Artists As Influencers: Pathways in Glass" and "Shelter-in-Place": through Jan. 24 (virtual and in-person by appointment); **"2020 Members' Show: Inspired By ..."** and **Works by Jennifer Zona:** Jan. 30 through March 28; Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org

2020 Members Show and "Here and There" by Carr Pierce: through Jan. 31; Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph; free; 983-3688 or boxfactoryforthearts.org

"Historic Rituals: The Freemasons of Berrien County": through March 7; History Center at Courthouse Square's Sheriff's Residence, 313 N. Cass St., Berrien Springs; free; 471-1202 or www.berrienhistory.org

Strong, Resilient, Feminie: began Dec. 15; **Maker Focus: Victoria Christen:** began Dec. 22; **Collections:** began Jan. 5; **Linda Christianson Solo Exhibition: Just Pots:** began Jan. 12; **Maker Focus: Sunshine Cobb:** begins Jan. 19; **Sanam Emami Sofreh:** begins Jan. 26; **Joe Singewald Solo Exhibition:** begins Feb. 2; **Matthew Metz Solo Exhibition:** begins Feb. 16; **Maker Focus: Becky Lloyd:** begins Feb. 23, Schaller Gallery, 8972 First St., Baroda; 983-7404 or www.schallergallery.com

FILM

Virtual screenings: "Acasa, My Home": price TBA, **"Rock Camp: The Movie":** price TBA, **"Coup 53":** \$12, **"The Reason I Jump":** \$12, **"Collective":** \$12, **"Tazzeke":** \$10, **"Weasels' Tale":** \$11.99, **"10 Days With Dad":** \$10; **"Night Shift":** \$10; **"SOL":** \$10; **"Finding Yingying":** \$12; **"76 Days":** \$12; **"Harry Chapin: When in Doubt, Do Something":** \$4.99; **"Blindfire":** \$7.99; **"Citizens of the World":** \$10; **"Martin Eden":** \$12; **"The Keeper":** \$12; **"Herb Alpert Is":** \$12, Vickers Theatre; 756-3522 or vickerstheatre.com

ATTRACTIONS

Light Up the Bluff: all day, through Feb. 14, Lake Bluff Park, Lake Boulevard, St. Joseph; free; 985-1111 or www.stjoetoday.com

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IN BRIEF

Celebration Cinema to host MLK Day at the Movies

BENTON HARBOR — In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Celebration Cinema will present two films recognizing leaders in the civil rights movement. "One Night in Miami" is a fictional account of one incredible night when Muhammad Ali, Malcolm X, Sam Cooke and Jim Brown gathered to discuss their roles in the civil rights movement and cultural upheaval of the 1960s.

"MLK/FBI" presents an overview of the American intelligence community's efforts to discredit and destroy King, a leader of the civil rights movement. The film features restored footage of King from newly declassified files.

"One Night in Miami" is playing at all Celebration Cinema theaters.

"MLK/FBI" is a limited release, playing exclusively at Celebration Cinema at Studio Park in Grand Rapids.

Celebration Cinema will contribute \$1 from each ticket sale (up to \$1,000) Friday through Monday to the Grand Rapids Center for Community Transformation.

Celebration also will present a pair of online conversations hosted by Julian S. Newman, founder and CEO of Culture Creative, about



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the movies:

■ "One Night in Miami" discussion: 7-8:15 p.m. Monday, RSVP at tinyurl.com/OneNightMiami

■ "MLK/FBI" discussion: 4-5:15 p.m. Jan. 24, RSVP at tinyurl.com/MLKFBIFilm

Fernwood sets virtual lecture series

NILES — Next week, Fernwood Botanical Garden will kick off its "Meet the Greats" virtual lecture series via Zoom.

The speakers will discuss plant exploration, garden design, art and architecture over the next several months.

Tickets can be purchased individually, or series passes are available through Thursday for \$125.

Registrants will receive a link to each webinar before each lecture.

The lineup is:

■ "The Farnsworth House Reconsidered" with Scott Mehaffey: 7 p.m. Thursday; \$25, \$20 Fernwood members

■ "Windcliff: A Story of People, Plants and Gardens" with Daniel J. Hinkley: 7 p.m. Feb. 4; \$40, \$32 members

■ "Chicago Artist Colonies" with Keith Stolte: 2 p.m. Feb. 20; \$25, \$20 members

■ "The Regal Lily and How it Redeemed One of the World's Most Famous Plant Explorers" with Michael S. Dosmann: 7 p.m. March 4; \$25, \$20 members

■ "The Invention of Nature: Alexander von Humboldt's New World" with Andrea Wulf: 2 p.m. March 20; \$40, \$32 members

■ "Spirit of Place: The Making of a New England Garden" with Bill Noble: 7 p.m. April 1; \$25, \$20 members

■ "Oudolf Garden Detroit: Belle Isle" with Piet Oudolf: noon April 17; \$40, \$32 members

For questions, contact Kara Hook at khook@fernwoodbotanical.org or 695-6491.

For more information about the series, or to buy tickets, visit www.fernwoodbotanical.org/virtual-lecture-series.

GhostLight Theatre announces 2021 season lineup

BENTON HARBOR — The GhostLight Theatre, 101 Hinkley St., has announced its 2021 season lineup and audition dates.

The season will kick off with "Small Mouth Sounds" on June 3-6 and 10-13. Tickets range from \$12-\$28.

It will be followed by "The Light in the Piazza" on June 17-20 and 24-27. Tickets are \$12-\$28.

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" will hit the stage Aug. 5-8 and 12-15. Tickets are \$12-\$28.

The season concludes with "Much Ado About Nothing" on Aug. 19-22 and 26-29. Tickets are \$12-\$22.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday shows starting at 3 p.m.

Season subscriptions for \$40-\$100 also are available for purchase.

Auditions will be from 3-6 p.m. March 7, and 4-8 p.m. March 8-9 at the theater.

For questions, email paul@ghostlightbh.com.

For more information about the show or The GhostLight Theatre, visit www.ghostlightbh.com/shows.

Box Factory exhibits extended to Jan. 31

ST. JOSEPH — Due to popular demand, the Berrien Artist Guild will extend its current exhibits, according to a news release.

The 2020 Members Show and "Here and There" by Carr Pierce now will remain on display through Jan. 31 at the Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St.

The exhibits can be viewed from noon to 4 p.m. Fridays through Sundays.

For more information, call 983-3688 or visit boxfactoryforthearts.org.

Make valentines for veterans at the BAC

BUCHANAN — The Buchanan Art Center, 117 W. Front St., is once again encouraging residents to create valentines for veterans.

They can create cards at home or at the art center's card-making station. The annual tradition is in memory of Mary Ruth White.

Pick up supplies donated by the White family and past participants through Jan. 31. Cards will be sent to nearby veterans hospitals through the American Legion.

The BAC is open to the public from 2-6 p.m. Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

To schedule an appointment to visit the art center, call 697-4005.

For more information, visit buchananartcenter.com.

TCP virtual trivia night returns

ST. JOSEPH — Twin City Players will host its second virtual trivia night at 7 p.m. Jan. 30.

Limited availability tickets for the online fundraiser are \$10, and can be purchased online at www.twincityplayers.org until Jan. 28.

Proceeds will support TCP and provide prize money for first and second place finishers.

Tickets allow attendees to sign in on one screen.

A link will be emailed to ticket purchasers prior to the event.

The night will feature questions in the categories of Arts, Musicals, History, Science, Pop Culture and Miscellaneous.

TCP's Laura Simmons and Jacob Holmes will host the event via Crowdpuir.

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Lions to hire ‘proven leader’ Holmes as next general manager

By **JUSTIN ROGERS**
The Detroit News (TNS)

Searching for new football leadership this offseason, the Detroit Lions solved half the puzzle on Thursday, hiring Los Angeles Rams director of college scouting Brad Holmes as the franchise’s next general manager.

According to multiple reports, it’s a five-year deal.

“On behalf of the entire Lions organization, I am thrilled to welcome Brad Holmes to Detroit,” owner Sheila Ford Hamp said in a statement. “Several weeks ago when we embarked on this process, it was critical that we find the right person to fit our vision for this team. It was evident early on that Brad is a proven leader who is ready for this opportunity. We are thrilled to introduce him to our fans as a member of our football family.”

Holmes, the son of a former Pittsburgh Steelers offensive lineman and nephew of a former first-round draft pick for the Lions, has spent the past 18 years working for the Rams. He will replace Bob Quinn, who was hired in 2016 and fired in late November, after a Thanksgiving loss to the Houston Texans effectively eliminated the team from playoff contention.

A collegiate defensive lineman for North Carolina A&T, Holmes used his degrees in journalism and mass communication to land a public-relations position with the Atlanta Hawks shortly after graduating.

But working in football was the goal, particularly scouting, so Holmes joined the Rams as a public-relations intern in 2003. There, his passion and knowledge caught the attention of running backs coach Wilbert Montgomery, who vouched for Holmes to the franchise’s former general manager Charley Arney.

Holmes moved into the scouting department, first as an intern, eventually serving as a regional scout in the all-important Southeast region.

Les Snead, the Rams general manager who has been Holmes’ boss since 2012, shared his earliest impression of Holmes on Twitter.

“This is when I was a (Atlanta) Falcon and Brad is a Ram,” Snead said. “NFS (National Football Scouting), which runs the combine, they scout the players for the first time. Basically, in the spring, a lot of teams that are part of NFS go down and they hear the draft board for the first time. That’s a tough job because no one has said this player is good or bad or the star of the show. It’s these young scouts, cutting their teeth for the first time, presenting the draft board to a lot of GMs and VPs in the audience.”

“There was a young man, Brad Holmes, first time presenting, (did a) unbelievable job,” Snead said. “At that point in time, Billy Devaney was GM of the Rams and I



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remember texting Billy after hearing Brad present and saying, ‘Hey, that young man is special.’”

Shortly after taking the Rams GM job, Snead promoted Holmes to be his college scouting director. In the years since, the franchise that has drafted defensive tackle Aaron Donald, quarterback Jared Goff and wide receiver Cooper Kupp while establishing itself as a consistent contender in the NFC.

“We are all excited for this opportunity for Brad,” Snead said in a statement. “He has spent his entire career with the Rams and he earned this position with the Lions due to his dedication to being an astute evaluator of football talent, dynamic intelligence, unwavering leadership and humility. All of those qualities will ensure he is set up to be successful in his next chapter of his career.”

In a wide-ranging interview with Yahoo! in 2019, Holmes talked about his scouting philosophy, specifically the importance of looking beyond physical traits.

“When you get to the NFL level, everybody has got ability,” Holmes said. “Everybody is talented. Everybody is big, strong, athletic, fast, agile. Everybody has that. The separation is the intangibles. So you have to find out what actually drives the player. What level of passion does he have? How much does football mean to him? How hard does he really work? Does he have a mental toughness when things go bad? Can he bounce back? Can he persevere?”

“...Looking back at how I used to be so enamored with the physical traits portion of it, at this stage now it’s like, man, if this guy doesn’t have the intangibles or the character, he’s not going to make it,” Holmes said. “They’re just not. And those are some of the hardest things to figure out. You can figure out speed and ability. Heart – there’s just not an analytical measure for that.”

Prior to hiring Holmes, the Lions interviewed a dozen candidates, including several former general managers. Holmes was the only one to have a second, in-person interview.

“Throughout our search for a new general manager, Brad was someone who stood out immediately,” Lions president and CEO Rod Wood said in a statement. “His abilities as a critical thinker, along with his extensive experience implementing technology and analytics into his approach to scouting, were among the many decisive qualities Brad displayed in our time getting to know him during the interview process. We look forward to him helping lead our organization as we take the next steps as a team.”

Blackhawks place Toews on long-term injured reserve

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews will miss at least 10 games and 24 days after the team placed him on long-term injured reserve Thursday because of an unspecified illness.

The 32-year-old Toews announced prior to the start of training camp last month he was experiencing symptoms that left him feeling “drained and lethargic.”

There has been no word from Toews or the team on the cause and there is no timetable for his return. The veteran center has asked for privacy while he focuses on his health.

Toews helped lead the Blackhawks to three Stanley Cup championships from 2010 to 2015. He had 18 goals and 42 assists in 70 games last season and was one of the team’s best defensive forwards and face-off options.

“Everybody would be really happy to have him back,” forward Dominik Kubalik said. “But his health is the highest (priority). He just needs to focus on his health.

Hopefully, he’s gonna be back as soon as possible.”

The team also announced Thursday defenseman Brent Seabrook has a lower back injury and moved forward Kirby Dach to long-term IR because of a wrist injury.

The 35-year-old Seabrook has not played since December 2019. He missed the playoffs after having two hip surgeries and a right shoulder operation, and has not been on the ice since camp opened.

“We’re hoping he’s gonna be on (the ice) soon,” coach Jeremy Colliton said. “But at the same time, we’ve got to let it play out. He hasn’t skated at all for a while, so we’ll see.”

Dach could miss the entire season after having surgery on his right wrist. He was injured in December playing for Canada’s world junior team during an exhibition against Russia.

The Blackhawks opened the season with a 5-1 loss at defending champion Tampa Bay on Wednesday. They visit the Lightning again on Friday night.



Don Campbell / HP staff

Lakeshore’s JJ Bushu drives past Mattawan’s Thomas Martinic during a Division 1 district game on March 11, 2020 at St. Joseph. Bushu and the Lancers haven’t played since then due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Lakeshore’s Bushu eager to get back to basketball

Delays, cancellations have been tough for Lancer standout

By **BEN SANDERS**
HP Sports Editor

Local athletes have had to endure lots of bad news amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Lakeshore senior JJ Bushu has certainly experienced his share.

Last March, Bushu was the starting point guard on a Lancer basketball team that seemed to be peaking at the right time just as the state tournament was halted.

This fall, Bushu started at quarterback and safety as Lakeshore won a district title, but the team opted out of the regional final after a lengthy delay.

His senior basketball season could bring a scoring milestone, college interest, and another shot at postseason success – if it eventually gets started. The MHSAA announced on Wednesday that competition will be pushed back until February, the latest in a long line of setbacks for Bushu and many other local athletes.

“I feel like there can’t be many more letdowns. It’s just hard for me to understand why sports can’t continue,” Bushu said, noting the high rate at which athletes have tested negative for COVID-19 in the MHSAA’s current fall sports testing protocol, reportedly 99.6 percent. “You’ve just got to listen and adapt at this point.”

Bushu made the Lakeshore varsity basketball team as a freshman, and has a chance to become only the third Lancer to reach 1,000 points, according to Lakeshore coach Sean Schroeder. An abbreviated season would hurt his chances of getting there.

Last season, he was the leading scorer as the Lancers were 18-4 and on a roll heading into the Division 1 district championship game against Kalamazoo Central.

“The last two weeks of the season, we were playing about as good of basketball as we could play,” Schroeder said. “We were very confident we were going to win that game.”

MHSAA adjusts winter tourney dates

By **HP STAFF**

The Michigan High School Athletic Association’s Representative Council approved an adjusted postseason schedule for winter contact sports on Thursday, pushing basketball finals into April.

The updated schedule is based on a recent update to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services epidemic plan.

Non-contact practices are still set to begin Saturday, with the first contact practice on Feb. 1. Girls and boys basketball can begin competition on Feb. 4, with competitive cheer and wrestling starting Feb. 8.

The basketball postseason will begin March 22, with girls and boys

playing on alternating dates. Girls districts will be held March 23, 25 and 27, with the boys playing March 24, 26 and 28.

Regionals will be March 29 and 31 for girls, with boys on March 30 and April 1. Girls quarterfinals will be on April 5, followed by the semifinals on April 7 and finals April 9. Boys quarterfinals will take place April 6, semifinals April 8, and finals April 10.

Wrestling and competitive cheer districts will both be held the week of March 15-20. Wrestling regionals will take place from March 22-28, with team finals on March 31 and individual finals April 2-3. Competitive cheer regionals will be held March 22-24, followed by the finals March 26-27.

That game never happened. And in the 10 months since he last took the court for the Lancers, Bushu has had to find other ways to stay in shape and work on his skills.

He was able to play some AAU games for the West Michigan Lakers in the summer, but an injury cut his season short. He’s trained in the gym with former Benton Harbor basketball standout Rodney Alexander, and worked on conditioning with MagFit personal trainer Ryan Magley.

“With everything that’s happened, I feel like I’ve done my best to continue working,” Bushu said. “The hardest thing will probably be getting back into playing a full basketball game.”

In the fall, Bushu was a key part of Lakeshore’s 7-2 football team. The Lancers’ district title victory over St. Joseph on Nov. 14 turned out to be their last game.

After several delays pushed the regional championship game at DeWitt to January, Lakeshore made the tough decision not to play.

“I had moved on to basketball already,” Bushu said. “I didn’t think we were ever going to get to play.

“This year I’m as healthy as I’ve ever been. I didn’t want to take any chances.”

Though Bushu and Schroeder are both optimistic about this

year’s Lakeshore team, it may take time to jell after the graduation of a strong senior class.

“I think it’s going to be a huge challenge,” Bushu said. “We lost all of our (other) starters. This year was very important to have summer basketball to build chemistry.”

Bushu is also hoping to attract college attention, which has been difficult for a variety of reasons brought on by COVID-19.

College players won’t lose a year of eligibility this season, which means fewer openings for incoming freshmen. The NCAA also extended its recruiting dead periods in the summer, which meant only NAIA coaches could watch Bushu’s AAU games. The lack of high school games doesn’t help either.

“It’s just hard,” Bushu said. “The best you can do is email coaches, send tape. But everyone’s doing that.”

Schroeder noted that when he recommended Bushu to coaches at one in-state school, they didn’t recognize the name.

“It’s a weird year if you’re a kid like JJ for recruiting,” Schroeder said. “He’s a really good player. He needs to play.”

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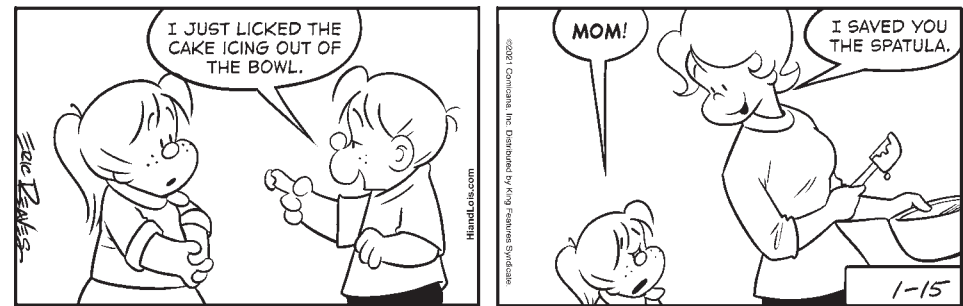
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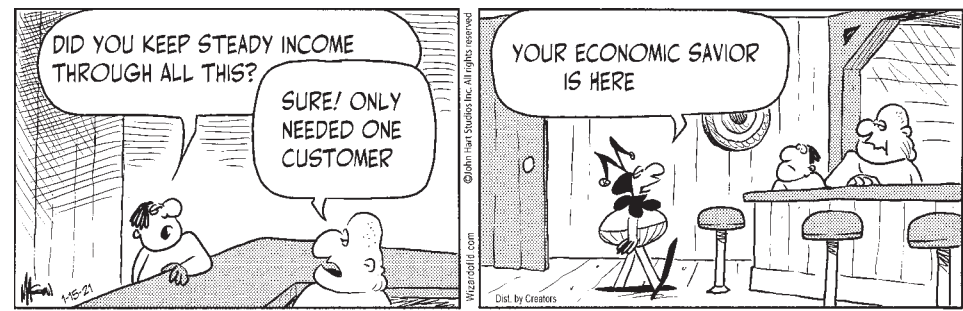
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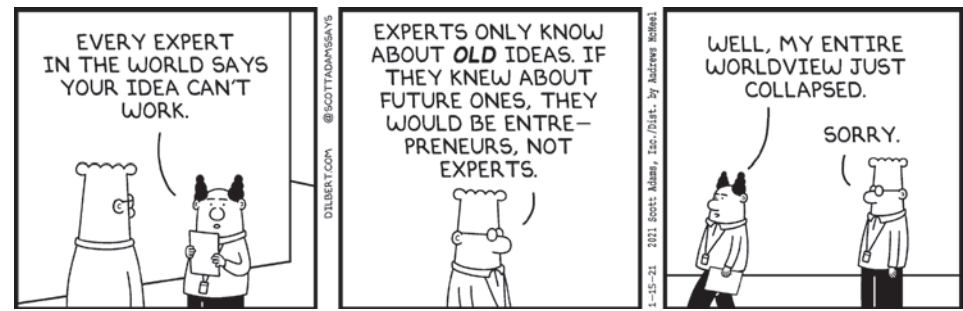
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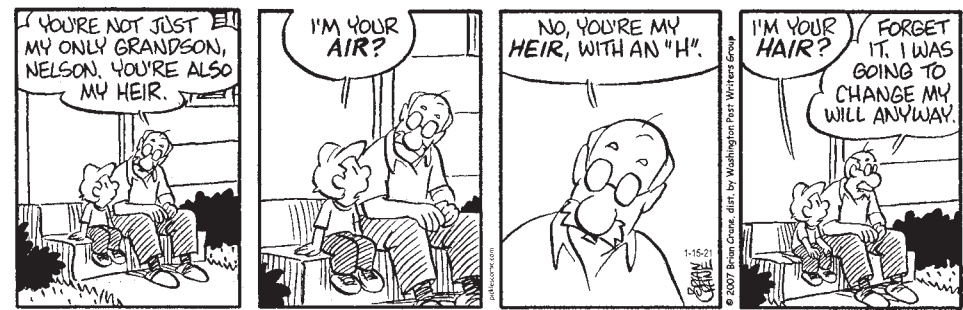
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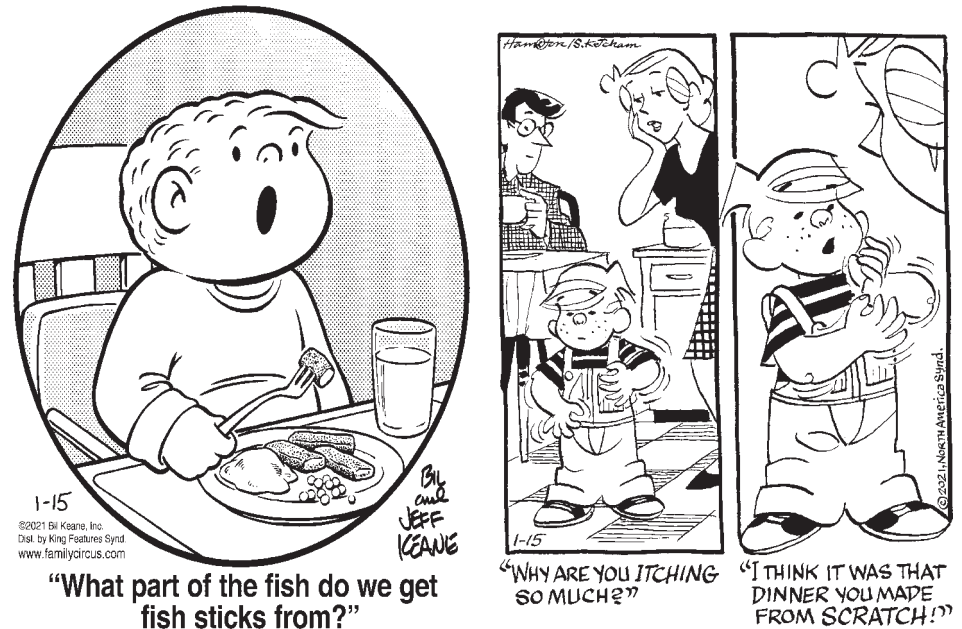
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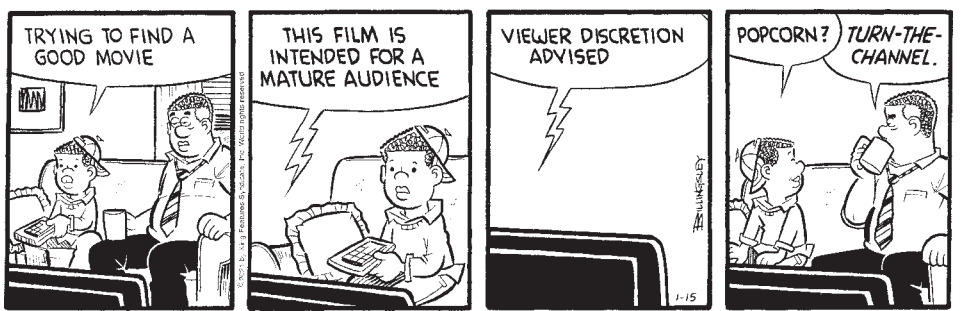
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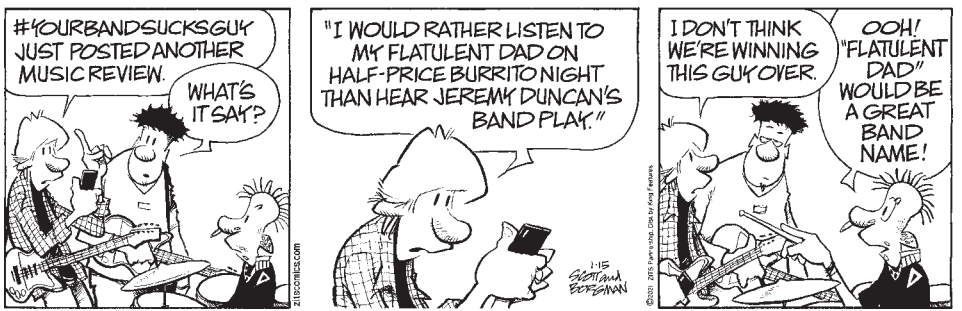
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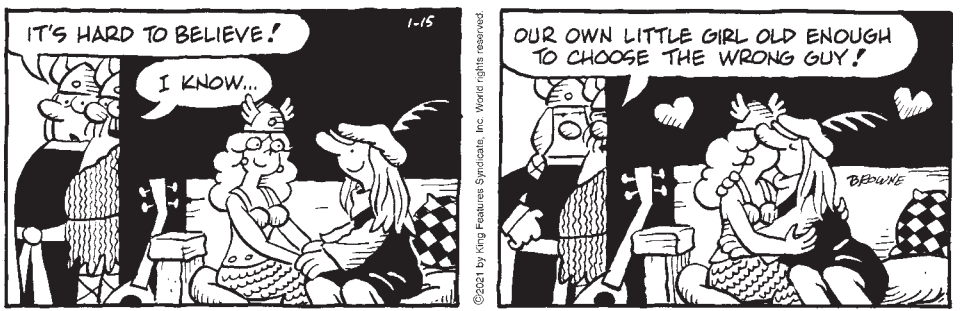
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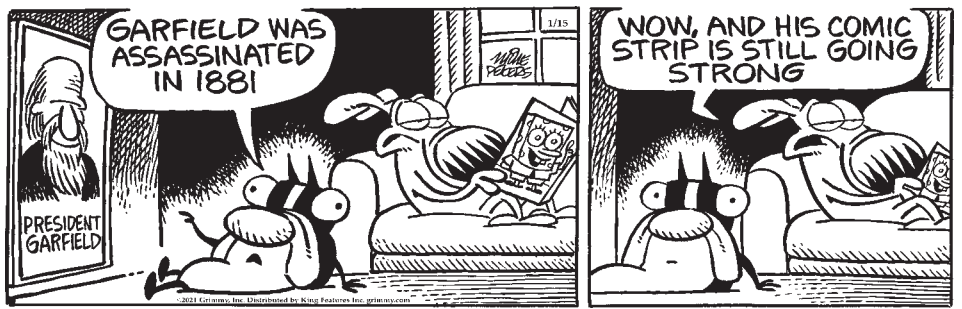
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PRIME TIME TV

FRIDAY EVENING JAN. 15							
	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7)(13)(41)(57)	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank A twist on traditional sauces.		:01 20/20 (N) 66			
CBS (2)(3)(22)	Ent. Tonight	MacGyver (N) 66		Magnum P.I. (N) 66		Blue Bloods Frank suspends an officer.	
NBC (5)(8)(16)	Ac. Hollywood	Figure Skating U.S. Championships - Ladies Free. From Orleans Arena in Las Vegas. (N) (L)					
FOX (17)(22)(28)(32)	Modern Family	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (L)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) 66	
PBS (34)	Black Journal	Washington Week	Firing-Hoover	In Concert at the Hollywood Bowl		Great Performances (N) 66	
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	Whose Line Is It?	Whose Line Is It?	Penn & Teller: Fool Us (N) 66		News	Seinfeld 66
MNT (50)	Family Feud	Dateline "Deadly Conspiracy" 66		Law & Order: Criminal Intent 66		Law & Order: Criminal Intent 66	
WCIU (26)	Mike & Molly	Whose Line Is It?	Whose Line Is It?	Penn & Teller: Fool Us (N) 66		The Drew Barrymore Show (N) 66	
WHME (46)	:00 Heartland	Heartland Lisa meddles in Lou's life.		Highway to Heaven 66		Nightly News	
WGN (9)	News	black-ish "VIP" 66	black-ish 66	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) 66	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48: Women of Homicide (N)		Live Rescue "Live Rescue -- 01.15.21" (N) 66			
AMC	Forrest Gump	*** Twister '96 Helen Hunt. Storm chasers race to test a new tornado-monitoring device. 66					Twister 66
Animal	Monsters	River Monsters		Jeremy Wade Dark Waters: Lies Below			
BET	6:00 66	*** Training Day		*** The Call '13) Halle Berry. 66			
Big Ten	To Be Announced					Big Ten	Campus
Bravo	:00 Below Deck (N)	Below Deck "Galley Talk 811" (N) 66		*** Burlesque '10, Drama) Cher, Christina Aguilera, Eric Dane. 66			
Cartoon	Gumball	Burgers	American	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	6:30 The Hunt	*** Unbreakable '00, Suspense) Bruce Willis, Samuel L. Jackson. 66			Bruce	9:48 66	*** Snake Eyes '98) 66
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	S. Smith	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek
Discovery	Gold Rush: Pay	Gold Rush "Million-Dollar Pay Day" Parker gambles big. (N) 66			:07 Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch (N)		
Disney	Bunk'd	Secrets-Sulphur		Secrets-Sulphur		Bunk'd	Secrets
DIY	Beach	Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno	
E!	Knocked	*** What Happens in Vegas '08) 66				Beetlejuice 66	
ESPN	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Milwaukee Bucks.						NBA Basketball
ESPN2	College Basketball			Max	UFC Live		UFC Main Event
ESPNc	Football	College Football From Nov. 25, 1995.				College Football	
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) 66		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	NBA Basketball: Wizards at Pistons				Pistons	Pistons	MSHOF
Freefrm	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy
FX	:00 66	*** Peter Rabbit '18) Voices of James Corden. 66		*** Peter Rabbit '18) Voices of James Corden, Fayssal Bazzi. 66			
Golf	:00 PGA Tour Golf	Sony Open in Hawaii, Second Round. (N) 66					Central
Hallmark	Country at Heart	USS Christmas '20, Romance) Jen Lilley, Trevor Donovan, Barbara Niven. 66				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	5:50 66 Harriet	*** The High Note '20) Dakota Johnson, Tracee Ellis Ross. 66				Real Time With Bill Maher (L) 66	
History	UnXplain.	The UnXplained		The UnXplained (N)		Proof	Proof
HGTV	Love-List	Self-Made Mansions		Self-Made Mansions		Dream	Dream
Learning	Unpolish	90 Day Fiancé (N)					90 Day Fiancé (N)
Lifetime	Rizzoli & Isles	Rizzoli & Isles "A Shot in the Dark" 66		Rizzoli & Isles 66		:03 Rizzoli & Isles 66	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Bulls	NBA Basketball: Bulls at Thunder					Postgame
NFL	NFL Total	NFL GameDay View		NFL Football Teams TBA. 66			
Nick	Unfiltered	Substitute		Hustle	Sheldon	Sheldon	Friends
NGEO	Narco	Narco Wars 66		Narco Wars 66		Narco Wars 66	
Oxygen	Florida Man	An Unexpected Killer "Twisted Betrayal" 66		Framed By the Killer (Series (P)) (N)		Buried in the Backyard "Fatal Secrets" 66	
Parmt	:00 66	*** The A-Team '10) 66			:35 66 *** Walking Tall '04) 66		
Showtime	6:15 66	*** The Lobster '15, Romance-Comedy) Colin Farrell, Rachel Weisz. 66				*** The Gentlemen '20) 66	
Starz	Black Hawk	*** Dawn of the Dead '04, Horror) Sarah Polley. 66			:44 American Gods "A Winter's Tale" 66		Bad Boys for Life
STZENC	:11 66	*** Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian		*** Planes, Trains and Automobiles '87) Steve Martin.			Spi-der-Man 3
SyFy	6:00 66	*** The Goonies '85		*** 2012 '09) John Cusack, Chiwetel Ejiofor. A global cataclysm nearly wipes out humanity. 66			
TBS	66	*** Big Momma's House '00, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Nia Long. 66			:45 66 *** Baggage Claim '13) Paula Patton. 66		
TCM	MGM Parade	*** Charade '63, Suspense) Cary Grant, Audrey Hepburn. 66				66 The Man Who Knew Too Much '56) 66	
TMC	Robin Hood	*** Eat Pray Love '10, Drama) Julia Roberts, James Franco, Javier Bardem. 66				** Second Act	
TNT	:00 Bones	*** Ocean's Eleven '01) George Clooney.					
Travel	Paranorm.	Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Ca.	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	:00 Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D. "Center Mass" 66		Chicago P.D. "Burden of Truth" 66		Chicago P.D. "Intimate Violence" 66	
VH1	RuPaul	RuPaul's Drag Race (N) 66				The Wedding Singer	
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) 66		NewsNation (N) (L) 66		NewsNation (N) (L) 66	

New vaccine technology aided in speedy development

DEAR DOCTOR: I don't think I'm the only one wondering how the new coronavirus vaccines got developed so fast when other vaccines in the past took so much longer. Can you please explain?

DEAR READER: When the quest for a safe and effective coronavirus vaccine began, early in 2020, we had only previous vaccine development to guide our expectations. And you're correct, those vaccines – against diseases such as polio, measles, smallpox and chick-enpox – took years, or even decades, to develop.

Until now, the fastest timeline was the four years it took to develop the mumps vaccine. Yet less than a year into the current effort, two highly effective preparations have received emergency-use approval from the Food and Drug Administration. This is due to multiple factors. A crucial one is international cooperation, which resulted in the immediate sharing of the genetic sequence of this never-before-seen virus. Additionally, the global health crisis prompted abundant funding.

But perhaps most important was

the nature of the virus itself. Coronaviruses get their name from the distinctive "crown" of club-shaped spike proteins on their outer surface. Thanks to years of previous research, we know that the virus uses these proteins to enter human calls. Also immensely helpful was the fact that COVID-19 is quite similar to SARS and MERS, each of them coronaviruses that also originated in animals and jumped to humans. In developing the new coronavirus vaccines, scientists were building on an existing body of knowledge.

Unlike previous vaccines, which used a weakened or inactivated virus to trigger an immune response, the new vaccines harness the molecular building blocks of the novel coronavirus. Specifically, they use a single strand of genetic code known as messenger RNA, or mRNA. The genetic code teaches human cells to build a harmless fragment of the spike protein, just enough for the immune system to recognize the coronavirus. This triggers a robust response that deactivates the spike protein. Because that spike protein is how the coronavirus penetrates a cell, disabling it prevents infection. And, because there are multiple ways to deploy mRNA, multiple vaccines are now in different stages of development. That's also why, when you

get the first of the two-dose vaccine regimen, you have to follow up with the same vaccine. You can't mix and match.

Both approved vaccines have impressive efficacy of 94 percent to 95 percent. The numbers are a bit lower for people 65 and older, but it's believed that may reflect the smaller sample size of clinical trial volunteers in that age group. As with many vaccines, this one has several side effects. Some people receiving the shots report experiencing pain at the injection site, headache, fatigue, pain in the muscles or joints, chills and mild fever. Several people have experienced severe reactions to the vaccine, but those cases were rare.

These new coronavirus vaccines are game-changers. In light of the dangers posed by COVID-19, as well as the lingering effects of the illness, we hope that when the vaccine becomes available to you, you will choose to get immunized.

Eve Glazier, M.D., MBA, is an internist and associate professor of medicine at UCLA Health. Elizabeth Ko, M.D., is an internist and assistant professor of medicine at UCLA Health. Send your questions to askthedoctors@mednet.ucla.edu, or write: Ask the Doctors, c/o UCLA Health Sciences Media Relations, 10880 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1450, Los Angeles, CA, 90024. Owing to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

She wants to live near her children but husband says he'll never move

DEAR CAROLYN: My husband and I live in a rural area of our state, where our grown children will not plant roots when the time comes, maybe in about five years.

I want to move near my children and possible grandchildren one day. My husband says he is never moving.

I did not live by extended family when I was a child nor did I have family nearby when raising my own. I am weary of all the driving – typically five to six hours one-way. We are close to our children and I believe they would want us close by – not on same street but the same town. This situation gives me anxiety.

I guess I just have to wait until they settle down to figure it out, but it weighs on my mind. – Rural

DEAR RURAL: You don't "just" have to wait. You can wait and prepare.

Specifically, you can wait and scrimp and scrape and pinch and save. Every penny. Assuming you're in a position to, of course, given the asymmetrical economic crapstorm we're in right now.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors



Carolyn Hax



But even if you're stretched at the moment, look to the future you want as inspiration to stretch a little harder.

And if you own your home, then you can also tend to it as the asset you may need it to be in a few years. Decluttering, for example, is free, and useful even if you stay put. Ask a local real estate agent what steps, if any, pay off.

Because every bit of money you can secure or plan for now is power, flexibility and self-determination later. When the time comes for your children to settle, you will be so glad you thought ahead on behalf of your future self – whether these savings ultimately help finance the relocation you want, or a tiny compromise apartment just for you near the kids, or the transportation you hire to cut your driving.

Or whatever else. "My husband says he is never moving" plants a flag decisively for him. You are alert to changing circumstances and aware of your own history, needs and preferences. Use that, and your five-year lead time, to be thoughtful and proactive about what your husband's intransigence means – and doesn't mean – for you.

DEAR CAROLYN: What is the best way to support a spouse who re-

ceived feedback at work regarding project-management skills that is upsetting to them? And, based on what I've seen at home, accurate. The latest nonwork example happened just yesterday.

The situation is complicated by the fact that the feedback was not delivered well – I would be upset, too.

Is there ever a time and place to address the core issues? The last thing I want to do is make them feel attacked on all fronts! – Supporting

DEAR SUPPORTING: I think your best option, she said ice-queenily, is not to look gift feedback in the mouth.

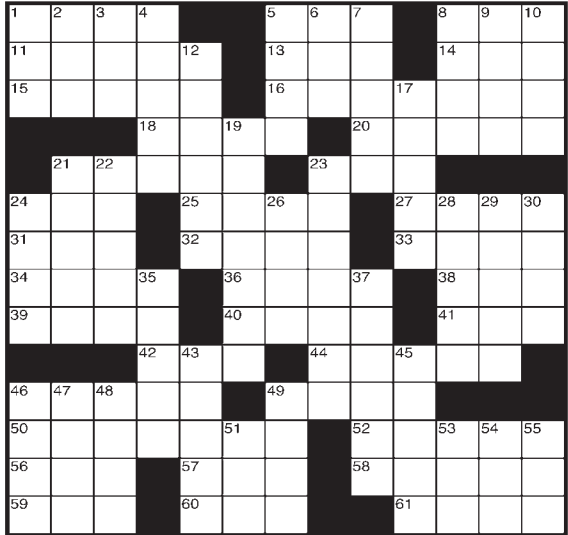
The loving-partner version is to prepare your spouse a favorite warm beverage and listen sympathetically. And, sure, agree the guidance was poorly delivered. But (if you're asked) must be heeded regardless, to keep the boss happy. Right?

This true thing needed to be said, and when the workplace became the messenger, you got spared. So be as soft a cushion as you can without muffling the truth.

Email Carolyn Hax at tellme@washpost.com, follow her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/carolyn.hax or chat with her online at noon each Friday at www.washingtonpost.com.

CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
- 1 Rubber-neck
- 5 Serious conflict
- 8 Comic strip prince
- 11 Holds down a job
- 13 Santa — winds
- 14 Go courting
- 15 Uxmal resident
- 16 Entail
- 18 Suit part
- 20 Van Gogh's stand
- 21 Small gift
- 23 Much spam
- 24 Ally opposite
- 25 Ship's bottom
- 27 Mild Dutch cheese
- 31 Small business magazine
- 32 Barks shrilly
- 33 Return encl.
- 34 Flashy sign
- 36 Uris of "Topaz"
- 38 Hosp. staff member
- 39 Fish-eating bird
- 40 Garr of "Mr. Mom"
- 41 Help out
- 42 Absent-minded
- 43 Fish-eating bird
- 44 Prank
- 46 Wildlife
- 49 Was
- 50 Drive back
- 52 Show how
- 56 Lemon drink
- 57 Cl- or Ca++
- 58 Google rival
- 59 Poet — Jonson
- 60 Well-known Pharaoh
- 61 Cabbage
- DOWN
- 1 Topaz or emerald
- 2 Shoe width
- 3 Doll (hyph.)
- 4 Scoundrel
- 5 Postpone action
- 6 Dear Abby's sister
- 7 Carried on about
- 8 Beltmaker's tools
- 9 Drift here and yon
- 10 Eggnog time
- 12 Underhand
- 17 Refuges
- 19 Furtive-ness
- 21 Copier ink
- 22 Spy mission
- 23 Loser (hyph.)
- 24 Delicate
- 26 Fencing sword
- 28 The One-Lama
- 29 Meat-stock jelly
- 30 Darn
- 35 First P.M. of India
- 37 Four score and ten
- 43 Dark
- 45 Pinch
- 46 Graceful horse
- 47 Grant territory
- 48 Candid
- 49 Super-man's alias
- 51 —wester
- 53 Cry of discovery
- 54 Army off.
- 55 Work the soil



JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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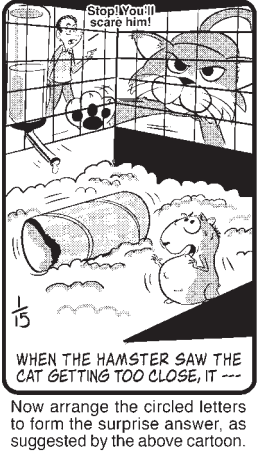
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Yesterday's Jumbles: HURRY FORGO POLISH AFLTAT

Answer: Costs of installing their fancy new fireplace were going — THROUGH THE ROOF



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

BRIDGE

Jazz Feylynn, a creative author, wrote, "One two, one two, / Type a word or two. / Arrow left, arrow right, / Keep those fingers nice and tight. / Keys up, Keys down, / Move those digits all around. / One two, one two, / Type a word or two."

When you are the declarer, there is sometimes one chance to make your contract. Perhaps, for example, you need a key finesse to work. Occasionally, though, there are two chances to get home. Then the hard part might be spotting both or working out how to try them.

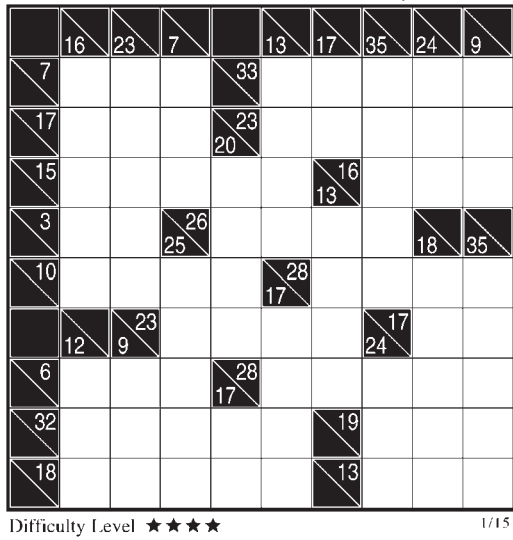
In today's deal, South is in six spades. West leads the heart king; East overtakes with the ace and returns the heart four, which declarer ruffs. How should

South continue? West's four-heart overcall made life hard for his opponents. When North stretched to bid four spades, South used Blackwood and drove into the small slam.

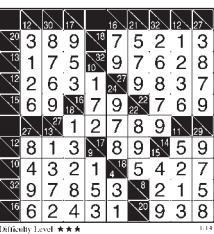
The original declarer drew trumps, cashed the club ace, played a spade to the dummy and tried the club finesse. However, it lost, and South had to concede down one.

Declarer muttered about being unlucky given West's preemptive overcall. But North had spotted a second chance. After ruffing the second heart, South should have cashed the spade king, the club ace and the diamond ace. Then he should have played a spade to dummy and ruffed the diamond

KAKURO

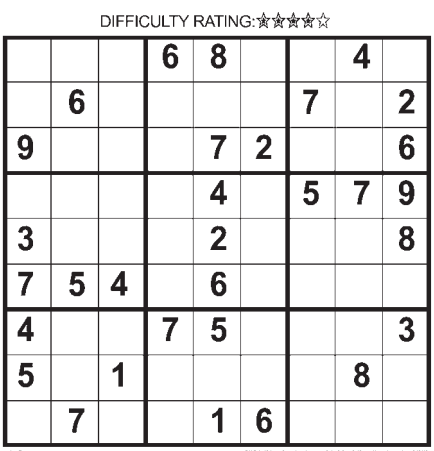


How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



Difficulty Level ★★☆☆

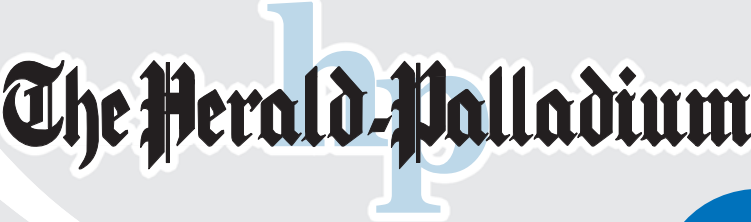
SUDOKU



Difficulty Rating: ★★☆☆☆

How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION								
4	5	2	3	1	9	6	8	7
9	7	3	2	8	6	1	4	5
1	6	8	4	7	5	9	3	2
2	1	4	9	5	7	8	6	3
8	3	6	1	2	4	5	7	9
5	9	7	6	3	8	4	2	1
3	8	9	7	6	1	2	5	4
6	2	1	5	4	3	7	9	8
7	4	5	8	9	2	3	1	6



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LEGALS

16, 2021 by the City of St Joseph, at the City Clerk's Office; 700 Broad St. St. Joseph MI 49085. Proposals will be opened on February 16, 2021 at 3:00pm in the City Commission Chambers. If City Hall remains closed to the public at that time due to COVID-19 restrictions, bid opening may be attended remotely by means of electronic communications using ZOOM. Instructions for attending by ZOOM will be posted on the City's webpage at sjcity.com. Project: Provide all labor and equipment necessary for the mowing and trimming of City Right of Way lawns and Cemeteries per the RFP specifications.

All bids shall be submitted in duplicate and in accordance with the official Request for Proposals (RFP), which may be obtained from the St. Joseph City Clerk's Office or at www.sjcity.com. The City of St. Joseph reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informality in bidding and/or accept the bid or bids should it consider same to be in its best interest.

Denise Westfall St. Joseph City Clerk

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CITY OF ST. JOSEPH

The City of St. Joseph is accepting resumes for the position of Public Safety Officer. Applicants must possess an Associate's Degree, Criminal Justice preferred, MCOLES certified or certifiable and Firefighter I & II desired. Please send cover letter and resume with three references to City of St. Joseph, Personnel Department, 700 Broad Street, St. Joseph, MI

GENERAL HELP

49085, by Monday, February 5, 2021 or to lmoore@sjcity.com. Application and full job description is also available online at www.sjcity.com.

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St. Joseph, MI.
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By EUGENIA LAST

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

Protect what you've worked so hard to acquire. Tie up unfinished business, and consider what you want to do next. Have a plan in place, and it will be easier to avoid being distracted. Set new goals for the year. Make your objective clear to anyone who may try to jeopardize your ability to turn your plan into a reality.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Patience will pay off. Getting along with others will make your life easier, but don't let someone push you around. Allow others the chance to spout off, but don't lose sight of your plan and how you want to proceed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Keep your eye on the ball. Don't give in to someone if it will prevent you from reaching your goal. Look at every angle of a situation before you take action.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
A physical change will fetch attention – some favorable, some not so much. Be happy that you have the freedom to do what makes you feel good. Do what you see fit, and others will fall in line.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You'll release stress and tension if you do something physical. A good workout will help you distance yourself from a situation that has left you feeling uncertain. Time is on your side.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Your enthusiastic attitude may not mix well with someone struggling to take care of responsibilities. If you take the pressure off others, you will get help in return. Personal growth is apparent.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Take a position of leadership. What you do to ease stress for others will be recognized and rewarded. Update your image, and spend more time exercising to ensure you remain healthy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Look for the good in everything and everyone. How you see situations and others will make it easier for you to make better decisions. A unique partnership will head in an exciting direction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Look for practical, convenient opportunities. If someone applies pressure or makes you feel uncomfortable, back away and move on to something else. Take it easy when possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Incorporate what you learn into your everyday life. Starting a hobby or signing up for a class will put you in touch with someone who enjoys the same things you do. Romance is apparent.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Take better care of yourself. Refuse to let someone push you around or put demands on you. Consider what makes you happy, and pursue people and activities that bring out the best in you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
A friend or relative will confuse you. Find out where you stand before you make a decision that can influence the dynamics of a relationship. Look for a unique way to use your living space.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Keep your thoughts to yourself. Something someone does or says will remind you of an incident you experienced a long time ago. Learn from the experience and watch your back.

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A racing pigeon sits on a rooftop Wednesday in Melbourne, Australia. The racing pigeon, first spotted in late Dec. 2020, appears to have made an extraordinary 8,000-mile Pacific Ocean crossing from the United States to Australia.

Australia to kill pigeon that crossed Pacific from Oregon

By **ROD MCGUIRK**
Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia — A racing pigeon has survived an extraordinary 8,000-mile Pacific Ocean crossing from the United States to find a new home in Australia. Now authorities consider the bird a quarantine risk and plan to kill it.

Kevin Celli-Bird said Thursday he discovered the exhausted bird that arrived in his Melbourne backyard on Dec. 26 had disappeared from a race in the U.S. state of Oregon on Oct. 29.

Experts suspect the pigeon that Celli-Bird has named Joe, after the U.S. president-elect, hitched a ride on a cargo ship to cross the Pacific. Joe's feat has attracted the attention of the Australian media but also of the notoriously strict Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service.

Celli-Bird said quarantine authorities called him on Thursday to ask him to catch the bird.

"They say if it is from America, then they're concerned about bird diseases," he said. "They wanted to know if I could help them out. I said, 'To be honest, I can't catch it. I can get within 500 mil of it and then it moves.'"

He said quarantine authorities were now considering contracting a professional bird catcher.

The Agriculture Department, which is responsible for biosecurity, said the pigeon was "not permitted to remain in Australia" because it "could compromise Australia's food security and our wild bird populations."

"It poses a direct biosecurity risk to Australian bird life and our poultry industry," a department statement said.

Grant Gondrezick

Jan. 19, 1963 – Jan. 7, 2021

Grant William "Gondo" Gondrezick, 57, of Stevensville passed away Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021, at his home. Grant was born on Jan. 19, 1963, in Boulder, Colo., to George and Eunice (Myhre) Gondrezick. Grant spent his entire childhood in Boulder and grew up with his 12 siblings: Barb, Gary, Nancy, Greg, Ginny, Gordy, Glen, George, Patty, Mary Kay, Kathy and Gale.

Grant attended Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School from 1st through 9th grades, where he was on the basketball team from 5th-9th grade in the Denver Catholic League where was noted as one of the best players in the league. Throughout his childhood Grant was also involved in Little League baseball and one of the leaders on the Little League championship team.

He graduated from Boulder High School in 1981 and was a starter on the varsity squad since his sophomore year. To this day he is considered one of the best basketball players to hail from Colorado.

Grant was a highly touted Street and Smith's All-American, accepting a scholarship with Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif. During his collegiate career with the Pepperdine Waves from 1982-86, he had an illustrious career, scoring almost 1,000 points and three NCAA berths; his jersey #3 is retired. He graduated with a B.S. degree in physical education.

In 1986, Grant was drafted in the second round of the NBA by the Phoenix Suns, playing two years. After playing for a season in Caen, France, he returned to the states and played for the Los Angeles Clippers. He continued his professional career internationally for nine years, playing in Belgium, Italy, Spain, Argentina, Limoges, France, and Germany, to name a few. He still holds numerous international records during his outstanding tenure of play. He was named league MVP three times, and graced nine European League covers, L'Equipe. "Gondo" reigns supreme in all of Europe!

In 1993, Grant met Felicia (Lisa) Harvey, the love of his life. Each of their footprints completed the other. They married in 1995 in Benton Harbor. Traveling the world abroad during Grant's international career, they settled and resided in Houston, for 12 years. His occupation was a sports performance trainer for many professional athletes, as well as collegiate and high school student-athletes, as well. He and Lisa gave birth to three amazingly beautiful and smart children: Kalabrya LeBrae, Kysre Rae, and Grant Kalon-Louis Gondrezick II. Each was his soul-bearing heartbeat. The adoration and unconditional love he emitted into the universe regarding his children is beyond containment. The global universe could feel the pulse of his life as he



echoed about his children and family; his imprint is forever embedded.

His journey to Benton Harbor rooted his services as a head varsity basketball coach at Covert, and Countryside, while also coaching the BHHS freshman girls team, as well. In addition, he worked for Benton Harbor Area Schools, previously, as an In-House Suspension Coordinator and Security. His accolades are many, but the teachings of his passionate instructional development have been mastered by all he taught. He was a community advocate for every cause that benefitted youth and education. Grant was benevolent in his membership at Refreshing Fountains, proactive in every campaign of the church, especially food drive and sports recreation initiatives. He supported the RAC sports performance development for youth, as well.

Grant William Gondrezick will always be inscribed in each of our hearts as a soldier always combatting the ills that plague youth's humanity. His heart was platinum, generous to every interaction that was in sync to his gym's heartbeat. He will forever be remembered as a "Refreshing Fountain" that showered love, compassion, and relentless energy as a friend, citizen, teammate, coach, brother, son, husband, and most of all FATHER!

Grant is survived by his daughters: Kalabrya and Kysre, and his son Grant II; his former wife, Lisa Harvey; his siblings: Barbara Pulver, Nancy Gondrezick, Greg Gondrezick, Ginny Elliston, Gordy Gondrezick, George Gondrezick, Patty Clemans, Mary Kay Gondrezick, Kathy Gondrezick, and Gale Gondrezick; and his beloved nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents: George and Eunice Gondrezick; infant sister, Elizabeth Ann; brothers: Gary and Glen; and nephew, Kelly Elliston. Grant accepted Jesus Christ as his savior and was an active member of Refreshing Fountains Church of God. Grant coordinated many Genesis Outreach youth programs, and summer Bible school programs and fundraising initiatives.

Friends may visit with the family from 10 to 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 16, at Refreshing Fountains Church, 175 S. Euclid Ave., Benton Harbor. A graveside service will be at 11:30 a.m. at Crystal Springs Cemetery in Benton Harbor.

In lieu of flowers, the family would ask memorials be given to Berrien Community Foundation Renaissance Athletic Club Youth Sport Performance Program in memory of Grant Gondrezick, at www.berriencommunity.org, or Genesis Outreach Development, P.O. Box 8750, Benton Harbor, MI 49022.

Those wishing to share a memory of Grant online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.



Dale McKibbin

Jan. 4, 1928 – Jan. 12, 2021

Dale "Pop" McKibbin, 93, passed away peacefully from natural causes on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021, in Plainwell, Mich.

Dale was born to Austin and Francis McKibbin on Jan. 4, 1928, in Columbia City, Ind. He and his older brother, Robert, grew up in the nearby countryside. He served as a corporal in the U.S. Army Signal Corps from 1945 to 1947.

Following his military service, Dale returned to Columbia City and went to work as a mechanic for Schrader's Automotive. He fell in love with the shop's bookkeeper, Betty Rubrake, and the two were married on July 31, 1954.

In 1962, Dale and Betty purchased a home near

OBITUARIES

Death notices

Imogene Diamond, 85, of Dowagiac died Jan. 14, 2021, at home. Brown Funeral Home, Niles, 683-1155.

Daniel Allen Holmes, 45, of St. Joseph died Jan. 11, 2021 at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Dale McKibbin, 93, died Jan. 12, 2021, in Plainwell,

Mich. Simply Cremation, Kentwood, Mich.

Ammina Muhammad (Annie Louise Greer), 103, died Jan. 12, 2021. Seals Funeral Home, Chicago.

George Ratter, 87, died Jan. 5, 2021.

Leon B. Wolik, 76, of Anaheim, Calif., formerly of Coloma, died Jan. 9, 2021.

Leon Wolik

Leon B. "Corky" Wolik, 76, of Anaheim, Calif., formerly of Coloma, died Jan. 9, 2021.

He was a loving husband, father and brother who will be missed by all.



Ammina Muhammad

Nov. 8, 1918 – Jan. 12, 2021

Ammina Muhammad (Annie Louise Greer), 103, was born Nov. 8, 1918, in Humbolt, Tenn., through the union of Annie Meetry Coleman and Mitchell Greer, both of whom preceded her in death.

She died Jan. 12, 2021, at home.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 15, at Seals Funeral Home, 8950 S. Stoney Island, Chicago.

Janaazah will be at 2 p.m., at 8354 S. Marquette Ave., Chicago. The graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at North Shore Memory Gardens, Benton Harbor.

She was a retired pioneer,



black business owner and activist.

She leaves fond memories in the hearts of a son, John Mitchell Whistnant of Benton Harbor; daughters: Brenda

Regina Broyles of Benton Harbor, Gwendolyn (Lenon) McAfee of Benton Harbor, Glenda Kay Whistnant of Texas, Annie Dolores (Lawrence) Najieb of Chicago, and Linda Ann Muhammad of Michigan.

She was preceded in death by husband, Haleem Muhammad; son, Lumise Whistnant Jr.; brothers: Robert Greer, Ronald Crafton (RC); and sisters: Jesse Greer and Willie Arlene Greer.

George Ratter

Sept. 3, 1933 – Jan. 5, 2021

George Franklin Ratter was born Sept. 3, 1933, in Benton Harbor to Louis and Edith (Barkus) Ratter.

As of Jan. 5, 2021, he was called home

to the arms of his Savior Jesus Christ. He was baptized, confirmed and married at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in the same city, enjoying membership in many WELS church in the country throughout his life.

Frank graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1951, and soon after joined the U.S. Navy with his brother Gerhard. He earned an associate's degree in air conditioning and refrigeration from the Ferris Institute in Big Rapids, Mich.

Frank married Verna Agnes Janke on Oct. 26, 1957, and was blessed with a daughter, Jan Kay, on July 24, 1960. He was employed by the Whirlpool Corp., as a service manager for 25 years, his job taking him all over the United States.

After retiring in 1995, Frank and Verna traveled for about 10 years in their travel trailer, working with the WELS Builder's for Christ Organization. They settled down on the Gulf Coast of



sunny Navarre, Fla., where they enjoyed the beautiful beaches and all the wonders of living near the water.

Frank leaves behind his daughter,

Jan Kay, and son-in-law, Daniel Conrad, as well as grandchildren: Bernard, Emilie, Amanda and Taylor; great-grandchildren: Thomas, Willow, Arthur and Sebastian; brother-in-law, Alton Wendzel; sisters-in-law: Irma Krieger, Mildred Wendzel, and Donna Janke; and many beloved nieces, nephews and friends who will miss him dearly.

Preceding him in death was his wife, Verna, of 60 years; his parents; and brothers: Helmuth and Gerhard; nephew, Greg Wendzel; brothers-in-law: Allan Krieger, John Janke, Robert Janke, and Carlton Janke; sisters-in-law: Lorraine Janke, Leona Janke, and Sheron Janke.

No services will be held at this time due to Frank's desire to keep all his friends and family safe from this horrible virus that took his life. An open air graveside service will be this spring while placing his ashes next to his wife, following all COVID-19 guidelines.

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1996 – 25 years ago

The Safe Shelter in Benton Harbor has received a grant from the Nicole Brown Simpson Charitable Foundation. Grants were awarded to 77 shelters in 32 states. Safe Shelter will use the funds for operational expenses for its north and south county shelters. The funds went to shelters that not only provide safe havens for battered women and children, but also provide educational programs to help stop the cycle of violence.

1986 – 35 years ago

The newest national holiday honoring the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., will be observed Monday by the closing of federal,

state and county offices and some municipal offices. Other municipal offices will be open as usual on Monday. King's birth date is Jan. 15.

1971 – 50 years ago

Members of Mrs. Henry Handy's sixth grade class at Jefferson School in St. Joseph will launch helium-filled balloons as part of a science and creative writing project. Each balloon will carry a message and the finder of the balloon that travels the furthest will receive a prize upon writing to the class. In addition to the study of wind currents, class members will write their own imagined versions of the flight their balloons took.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, Jan. 15, the 15th day of 2021. There are 350 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Jan. 15, 2020, Chinese officials said they couldn't rule out the possibility that a new coronavirus in central China could spread between humans, though they said the risk of transmission appeared to be low.

On this date:

In 1862, the U.S. Senate confirmed President Abraham Lincoln's choice of Edwin M. Stanton to be the new Secretary of War, replacing Simon Cameron.

In 1865, as the Civil War neared its end, Union forces captured Fort Fisher near Wilmington, North Carolina, depriving the Confederates of their last major seaport.

In 1892, the original rules of basketball, devised by James Naismith, were published for the first

time in Springfield, Massachusetts, where the game originated.

In 1929, civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta.

In 1942, Jawaharlal Nehru was named to succeed Mohandas K. Gandhi as head of India's Congress Party.

In 1943, work was completed on the Pentagon, the headquarters of the U.S. Department of War (now Defense).

In 1973, President Richard M. Nixon announced the suspension of all U.S. offensive action in North Vietnam, citing progress in peace negotiations.

In 1974, the situation comedy "Happy Days" premiered on ABC-TV.

In 1976, Sara Jane Moore was sentenced to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Gerald R. Ford in San Francisco. (Moore was released on the last day of 2007.)

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
					
Snow Showers Likely 35°	Few Snow Showers 29°	Few Snow Showers 37° / 28°	Few Snow Showers 33° / 26°	Mostly Cloudy 32° / 25°	Few Snow Showers 33° / 26°

Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with an 85% chance of snow showers, high temperature of 35°, humidity of 77%. South southeast wind 3 to 9 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	8:11 a.m.
Sunset	5:39 p.m.
Moonrise	10:10 a.m.
Moonset	8:26 p.m.
	First 1/20
	Full 1/28
	Last 2/4
	New 2/11

Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday	
Temperature	
High	40°
Low	31°
Normal High	31°
Normal Low	16°
Record High	47° in 2002
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Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.00"
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Air Quality

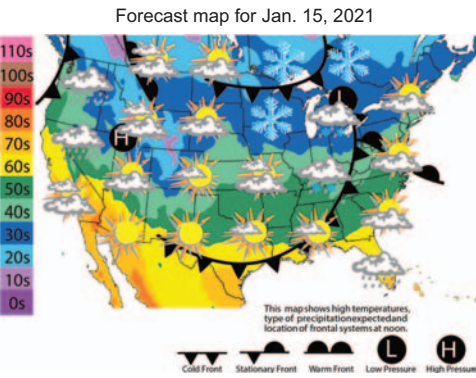
Yesterday	66
Main Offender	Particles
The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.	
0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

Which type of cloud produces lightning?

Answer: Cumulonimbus.

National Weather Map



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Regional Map



Lake Michigan

Today, SSE wind 10 to 13 kt. A chance of rain and snow showers. Waves 1 ft or less. Water temperature 42 degrees. Tonight, SSE wind around 6 kt.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread snow, highs in the 30s. East northeast wind 17 to 24 mph. Expect cloudy skies Saturday with widespread snow showers, highs in the 30s. South wind 6 to 10 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with scattered rain and snow, highs in the 30s and 40s. South southeast wind 3 to 9 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Saturday with isolated snow showers, highs in the 30s. West northwest wind 6 to 16 mph.

ORDERS

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supports sending something to the governor, as long as it doesn't include any political statements.

"We'd love to help the residents in the county, but there's not a lot of clout that we have," he said. "Our legislators and our governor and those people in Lansing have to understand how we're hurting."

Board Chairman Mac Elliott said the problem is that the law allowing the MDHHS to declare a public health emergency has no sunset. He said that the governor can declare an emergency for only 28 days before the state Legislature has to approve any extension.

"Locally, if a declaration of a state of emergency was

made by me as board chair, it's only good for seven days and then this board would have to approve an extension," he said. "Unfortunately, there's no mechanism for the state Legislature to step in."

Elliott feels a regional approach would be best, especially for counties that border other states that are allowing indoor dining.

"You can go 5 miles, 10 miles, whatever, and as you cross the state line, there's a magic gun that vaporizes COVID and now you can go into the restaurants. And when you return, it apparently vaporizes you again so you don't bring anything back into Michigan," he said.

Elliott said he's looked at the data and doesn't see a connection between the spread of the virus and eating inside a restaurant.

While he supports a resolution, Elliott doesn't support telling the governor that county officials won't enforce the state's orders.

"Even if I don't agree with the orders, it puts our public health officer in a no win situation and our sheriff, who took an oath to enforce the law," he said.

In November, Whitmer announced there was going to be a three-week pause in indoor dining and other activities as COVID-19 cases started to soar. That pause has been extended twice and was scheduled to end today.

On Wednesday, Whitmer and other state officials said that the pause is working and some activities, such as indoor group fitness classes, can restart as long as face masks are worn. They said that because of the pause, Michigan has the lowest

number of COVID-19 cases, in comparison to other Midwest states.

State officials extended the pause for indoor dining through Feb. 1.

"We need to get this right," Whitmer said. "... The goals that we have made, the leadership position that we are in is all very tenuous. It all depends on all of us continuing to take this virus seriously. ... Just because we're lifting some protocols doesn't mean it's time to let our guard down. Be smart and be safe."

Commissioners are expected to consider a resolution at their next meeting at 10:30 a.m. Thursday. Due to the pandemic, commissioners are meeting virtually on Zoom, with the public able to watch on the county's YouTube channel.

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VACCINE

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have received their second dose.

Hamel and Britten said the best way to ensure you get notified when you can make a vaccine appointment is by either signing up on the BCHD's waitlist, at www.bchdmi.org/1745/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information, or through Lakeland's MyChart.

"We want you to be checking your email daily, because when your time comes up, you may not have a lot of time to plan far out because we're not planning appointments far out. It will be rapid with a few days notice," Britten said.

They said the internet waitlists are the best way to sign up, and friends and families of people without internet access should help them sign up. If that is not an option, folks without internet access can call the BCHD COVID hotline, 1-800-815-5485, to get on the waitlist.

They said they are cross-referencing their signup lists, so if you have signed up on both, that's OK. What they want to deter people from doing is signing up for more than one vaccine appointment, so they don't ever have an empty time-slot in a clinic schedule.

While this process takes several more weeks and months, Britten and Hamel reminded people that this is not the time to let your guard down on the COVID precautions like social distancing and wearing

face coverings.

"It's easy to say, we have the vaccine and thousands of people in county have been vaccinated, but I want to encourage everybody to think about the vaccine as more of a long-term investment strategy," Britten said. "We're going to be putting vaccines into that account and we're going to see it pay dividends by this summer or late spring."

Data update

Britten and Hamel said the county is at a plateau stage regarding COVID-19 numbers and hospitalizations.

Spectrum Health Lakeland reported having 40 COVID-19 patients admitted Thursday morning. That's down from the 46 last Thursday, but holding with the seven-day average of 41 patients a day.

The county recorded 46 new COVID-19 cases on Thursday, as well as 52 new recoveries and no new deaths.

Recoveries are defined as people who are alive 30 days after a confirmed COVID-19 diagnoses.

Hamel said Thursday that anyone who gets COVID-19 should assume they can get it again, and some might get it worse the second time, as they've seen in some cases.

He said new strains of the virus that have started to pop up in the U.S. have not made it to Berrien County yet, but health officials expect to see it here at some point.

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COLBERT

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in which multiple Roman slaves stand and shout "I'm Spartacus!" in an attempt to shield actor Kirk Douglas's character from death.

At one point during the clip, the show dubs a lengthy comment (meant to mimic Upton's response) over a man standing defiantly, who in the film originally repeated the two-word phrase.

The portion of the segment begins at the 6-minute

and 45-second mark of the video.

Upton, who was re-elected to his 18th consecutive term in November, voted against Trump's first impeachment in 2019. However, Upton's stance changed last week following the insurrection at Capitol Hill.

"Congress must hold President Trump to account and send a clear message that our country cannot and will not tolerate any effort by any president to impede the peaceful transfer of power from one president to the next. Thus, I will vote to

impeach," Upton stated.

Upton's office did not respond to a request for comment.

This wasn't the first time Upton has been referenced in a bit on "The Late Show."

In July 2019, U.S. House lawmakers approved a resolution to denounce Trump's tirade against the four congresswomen known as "The Squad." Trump tweeted that the four women should "go back" to their countries and fix them.

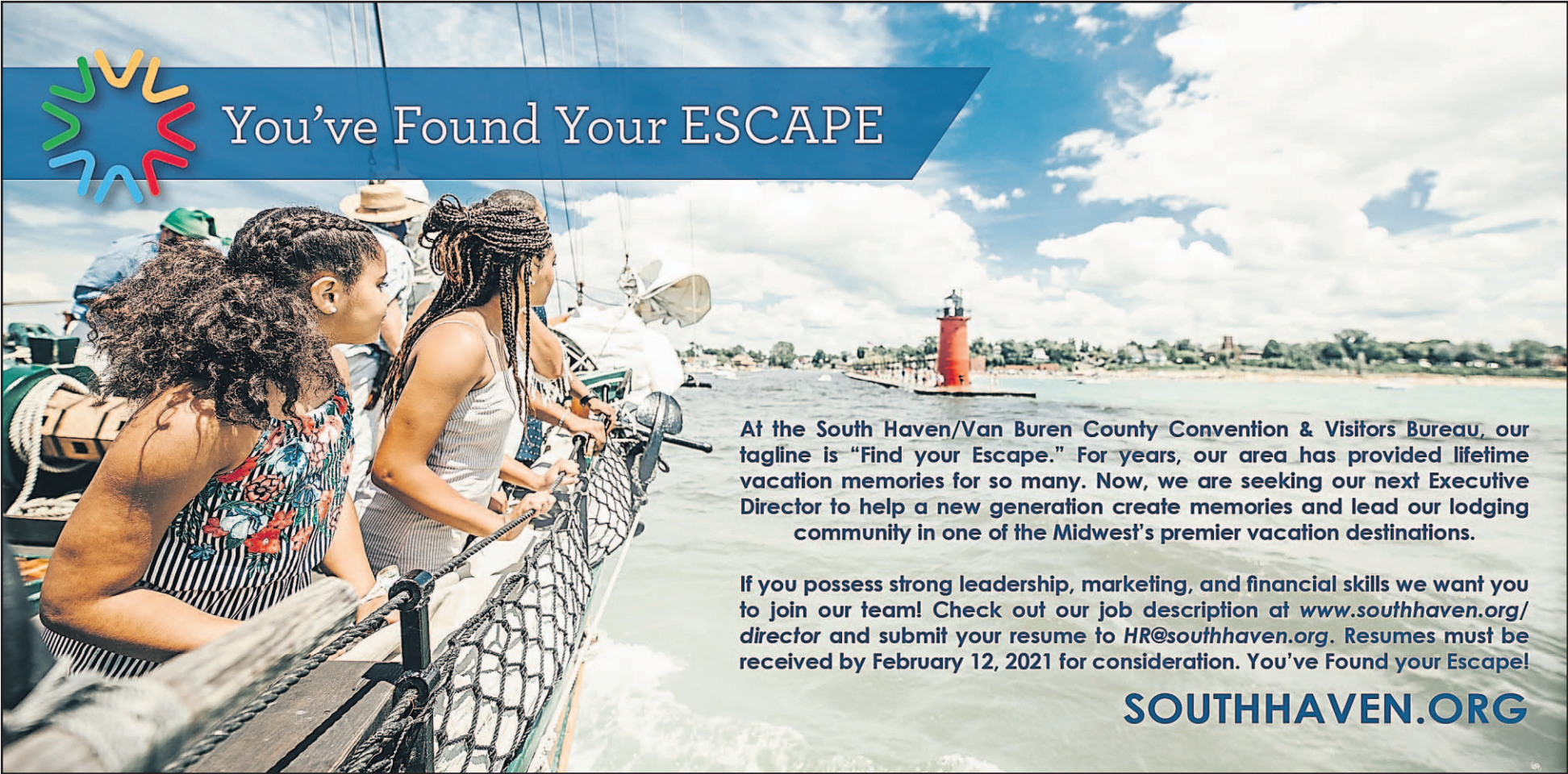
The House passed the measure with approval votes from four Republicans,

which included Upton.

Colbert mocked the July vote, referring to it as a "ceremonial rebuke," and said Trump would soon come up with nicknames for the four Republicans who voted against him – in which Colbert mimicked Trump's voice by referring to Upton as "Freaky Fred."

Nonetheless, the vote was a historical moment, making it the first time a sitting president had been censured since 1912.

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